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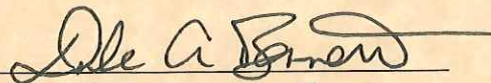
- WHEREAS: Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common and serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and
- WHEREAS: Alpha-1 has been identified in nearly all populations and ethnic groups; it is estimated that about 1 in every 2,500 Americans have Alpha-1 and up to 6 percent of Caucasians in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene and may pass the gene to their children; and
- WHEREAS: Alpha-1 is widely under diagnosed and misdiagnosed, and fewer than ten percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed, and it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and
- WHEREAS: it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and
- WHEREAS: during the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2018 as

ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH

in Terre Haute, Indiana and ask all citizens to join me in observing this important cause.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 16th day of October, 2018.


Duke A Bennett, Mayor

