



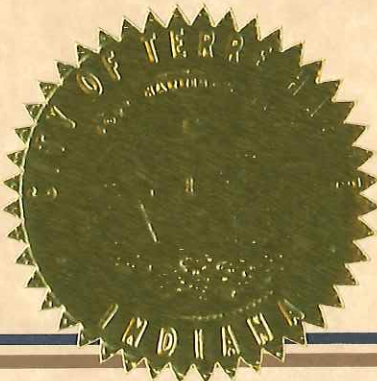
## PROCLAMATION

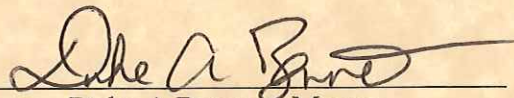
- WHEREAS:** more than nineteen percent of Hoosiers are people with disabilities, and their families and friends extend into a statewide network touching us all; and
- WHEREAS:** our communities are stronger and enriched when all members are empowered to live, work and play in accessible, welcoming environments; and
- WHEREAS:** in order to increase awareness, promote independence, integration and inclusion of all people with disabilities, the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities established the month of March as Disabilities Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS:** the theme for the 2018 observance of Disabilities Awareness Month is "Be cool. We are.", which calls each of us to recognize that people with disabilities are co-workers, classmates and neighbors who want to be fully included in their communities—just like everyone else; and
- WHEREAS:** the Disability Awareness Work Group, is a collaboration of agencies, individuals and caregivers, formed in 2010 to promote activities and awareness year round through a variety of events and services.
- THEREFORE:** I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim March, 2018, as

### DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

in Terre Haute, Indiana.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.



  
Duke A Bennett, Mayor