



## PROCLAMATION

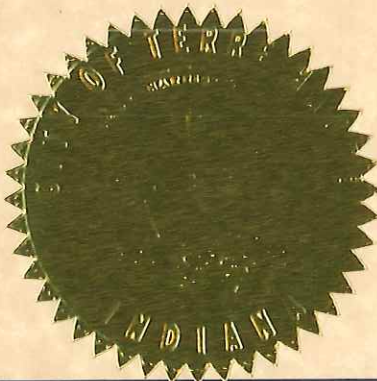
- WHEREAS: more than nineteen percent of Hoosiers are people with disabilities, and their families and friends extend into a statewide network touching us all; and
- WHEREAS: our communities are stronger and enriched when all members are empowered to live, work and play in accessible, welcoming environments; 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 2017 observance of Disabilities Awareness Month is "I'm Not Your Inspiration... I am your neighbor, I am your co-worker, I am your classmate", which calls each of us to bring vision and energy to the promotion of independence, integration and inclusion of all people with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: the Disability Awareness Work Group, a collaboration of agencies, individuals and caregivers, formed in 2010 to promote activities and awareness year round through a variety of events and services.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim March, 2017 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.



Duke A Bennett, Mayor