



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded in 1909 to work for full equality for Negro Americans, seeking an end to racial segregation and other forms of discrimination in all public aspects of community life; and

WHEREAS: members of the greater Terre Haute community worked tirelessly for the rights of black citizens in areas such as employment, education, and voting; and

WHEREAS: a local NAACP branch, interracial and interfaith from its inception, was organized in Terre Haute in 1918 when the racial tensions were high; and

WHEREAS: the Greater Terre Haute NAACP Branch has worked for ten decades to eliminate racial barriers in this community, opening job opportunities for black citizens, and increasing voter participation; and

WHEREAS: the Greater Terre Haute NAACP Branch worked with the City of Terre Haute to establish its Human Relations Commission, to rename 13th Street "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Way", and to rally the City Council to pass a Resolution in support of Statewide Hate Crimes legislation; and

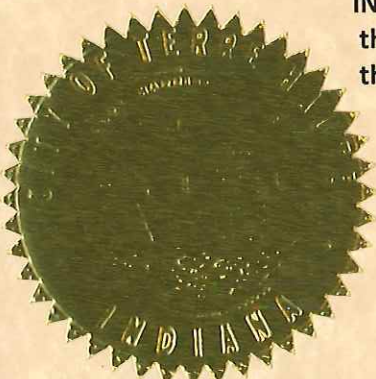
WHEREAS: The local NAACP Branch continues to work in and on behalf of the greater Terre Haute community for the benefit of all persons by ensuring equity and equal justice for all.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 17th, 2018 as

GREATER TERRE HAUTE NAACP BRANCH CENTENNIAL DAY

in observance of one hundred years of dedicated community service in civil rights. All citizens are invited to commemorate the occasion and congratulate the NAACP.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 17th day of November, 2018.



Duke A Bennett, Mayor