



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: everyday, loving and nurturing families are strengthened and expanded when committed and dedicated individuals make an important difference in the life of a child through adoption; and

WHEREAS: Terre Haute recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe, and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS: more than 100,000 children in the United States foster care system are waiting to be adopted; and

WHEREAS: more than 150 children in Indiana are waiting for permanent families; and

WHEREAS: to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, the Terre Haute Children's Museum will open its doors to recognize National Adoption Month on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the adoptions of local children and join other organizations to celebrate all adoptions; and

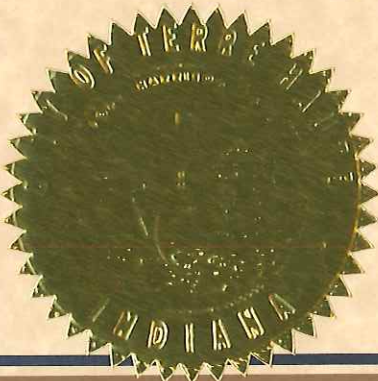
WHEREAS: this effort along with similar celebrations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico will offer children the chance to live with stable loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through adoption.

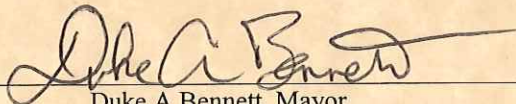
NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim November, 2017 as

## NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

in Terre Haute, Indiana, and we celebrate and support the goals and ideals of the National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month. We recognize that every child should have a permanent and loving family and encourage the citizens of Terre Haute to consider adoption during the month of November and all throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.



  
Duke A Bennett, Mayor