



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Williams syndrome is a rare genetic condition that is present at birth, affects as many as 30,000 individuals in the United States and is characterized by medical and cognitive problems, including cardiovascular disease, developmental delays, and learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS the Williams Syndrome Association (WSA), founded in 1982, is a non-profit organization and the most comprehensive resource for people and families living with Williams syndrome as well as for doctors, researchers and educators. Through its efforts, from raising public awareness, to funding critical new research, and providing valuable information and support to families, the WSA has improved the quality of life and futures of those affected by Williams syndrome; and

WHEREAS to generate awareness about Williams syndrome and raise funding for critical WSA programs and initiatives, the WSA has organized May as Williams Syndrome Awareness Month which includes events all across the United States; and

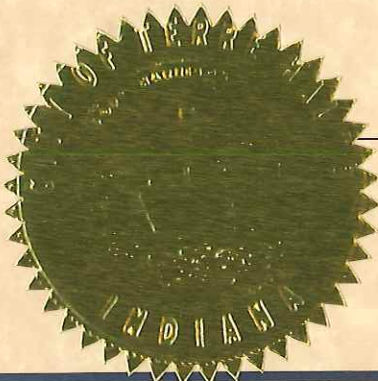
WHEREAS the Williams Syndrome Association and the families and friends of those with Williams syndrome should be commended for their hard work, compassion, and courage for educating the country about this rare disorder;

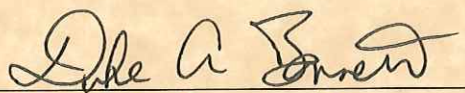
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Duke A Bennett, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as

Williams Syndrome Awareness Month

in Terre Haute IN.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 8th day of May, 2017.




Duke A Bennett, Mayor