



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: the Terre Haute Immigrant Hungarian Community was established in the early 20th Century where over 40 families lived and established small businesses within the North side of Terre Haute; and

WHEREAS: these courageous souls left Hungary, enduring the lengthy transatlantic journey to seek a better life in America when a tremendous labor force was needed for our country's rapidly expanding industrial and agricultural revolution; and

WHEREAS: citizens of this immigrant community helped to build and service the railroads, unearth coal, work the farms, work in glass production, in distilleries, in meat packing plants, and near here in an enamel cookware factory, and forge metal at the Malleable foundry; and

WHEREAS: on July 30, 1909 they founded Terre Haute's First Hungarian Sick and Death Benefit Society, a self-funded organization to financially assist members in sickness and death and preserve Hungarian culture; and

WHEREAS: they established numerous businesses within the community including Koos Grocery and Meats at 2401 Maple Avenue circa 1922; and

WHEREAS: their sons and daughters dutifully enlisted in the Armed Services of the United States or worked within the war industries to defend the principles of democracy and liberty in World War I and World War II; and

WHEREAS: the Hungarian community continues to have a presence in Terre Haute hosting a variety of events sharing traditional customs and observances at the Hungarian Hall at 2049 N. 22nd Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2023 as the day to honor

THE IMMIGRANT HUNGARIAN COMMUNITY OF TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

and ask all citizens to join me in celebrating the dedication of this Indiana Historical Bureau Marker.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 16th day of September, 2023.

Duke A Bennett, Mayor

