



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: the Social Work Profession for decades has been dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic needs of all people—especially the most vulnerable among us particularly during the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS: this year's Social Work Month theme "The Time is Right for Social Work" embodies how social workers rose to meet the most pressing challenges of all of our lifetimes, the COVID-19 pandemic, even as our nation continues to grapple with systemic racism, economic inequality, global warming, and other crises; and

WHEREAS: Social Workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States, and work daily to help people—whether in person or remotely—overcome substance use disorders and mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety. Social Workers have always helped people overcome issues such as death and grief and helped people and communities recover from increasing natural disasters such as fires, hurricanes and earthquakes brought on by climate change; and

WHEREAS: Social Workers have helped this nation live up to its values by successfully advocating for equal rights for all, including Black, Indigenous, People of Color, those who are LBGTQA, religious groups and others; and

WHEREAS: Social Workers possess the necessary expertise to assist our nation in some of its most demanding concerns, including their health and well-being not only during the pandemic, but at all times, ensuring equal rights, improved health care and mental health care for all; and immigration reform. Social Workers work in all facets of our society to meet people no matter their circumstance and empower them to live to their fullest potential.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by Social Workers, I, Duke A Bennett, proclaim the month of March 2022 as

NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

and call upon all citizens to join with the **National Association of Social Workers** in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 12th day of March, 20202

Duke A Bennett, Mayor

