



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: human milk provides the ideal balance of nutrients for an infant's growth and development, reduces the risk of infectious and chronic disease, protects mothers' and infants' health, promotes mother, infant, and family bonding; and may reduce the risk of childhood obesity; and
- WHEREAS: the U.S. Department of Agriculture and cooperating State health departments, Territories, and Tribal organizations promote and support breastfeeding as the best source of infant nutrition through the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and other nutrition assistance programs; and
- WHEREAS: the U.S. Department of Agriculture celebrates the success of WIC Peer Counseling Programs and the local agencies receiving the WIC Breastfeeding Support Award of Excellence for their exemplary breastfeeding activities; and
- WHEREAS: the U.S. Department of Agriculture empowers participants to meet their individual breastfeeding goals through WIC Breastfeeding Support resources; and
- WHEREAS: WIC joins professional health organizations and breastfeeding advocates worldwide in celebrating World Breastfeeding Week on August 1-7 of each year to collaboratively raise awareness of the numerous benefits of breastfeeding; to strengthen individual, family, and community support for breastfeeding; to further equitable strategies that promote breastfeeding practices; and to support increased breastfeeding rates.

NOW, THEREFORE: in appreciation of breastfeeding individuals and of all the dedicated volunteers, professionals, communities, and organizations supporting their efforts, I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim August 1-7, 2023 to be

NATIONAL WIC BREASTFEEDING WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 1st day of August, 2023.

Duke A Bennett, Mayor

