



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: every year, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU); admits more than half a million babies; and

WHEREAS: prematurity and newborn health issues are severe problems affecting every segment of our community; and

WHEREAS: our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the City of Terre Haute; and

WHEREAS: families of NICU babies struggle to find resources, support, and education; and,

WHEREAS: funding for research into the causes of a NICU stays as well as holistic care of NICU families is vital; and

WHEREAS: NICU Awareness Day provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected by the NICU to share their stories, honor dedicated health professional, meet others and know they are not alone; and

WHEREAS: the establishment of NICU Awareness Month will also provide visibility to research that improves the quality of life for NICU babies and their parents/guardians; and

WHEREAS: we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about infant prematurity and NICU hospital stays; and

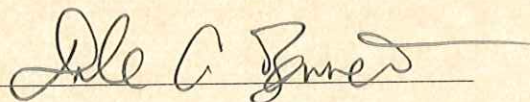
WHEREAS: awareness, research, and education remain the best defense for our infants and families.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2022 as

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Awareness Month (NICU Awareness Month)

In Terre Haute, Indiana and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed to this 29th day of August, 2022.



Duke A Bennett, Mayor

