



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: the Council on Domestic Abuse has a mission to end sexual assault and recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS: Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in our community; and
- WHEREAS: rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show one in three women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives. On campus, 13% of college students experience rape or sexual assault; and
- WHEREAS: we must work together to educate our community about the prevention of sexual violence, support survivors, and speak out against harmful attitudes and actions; and
- WHEREAS: prevention is possible when everyone gets involved. It is time for all of us to take action to create a safer environment for all; and
- WHEREAS: we join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence, and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim April, 2023 as

### SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in Terre Haute, and urge all citizens to actively support the activities and programs sponsored by the Council on Domestic Abuse and to work toward the elimination of sexual assault.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2023.

  
Duke A Bennett, Mayor

