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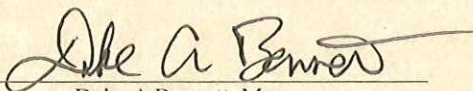
- WHEREAS: the citizens of Terre Haute stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they provide safe and engaging learning experiences that help children realize their full potential and support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive when they are out of their classrooms; and
- WHEREAS: during the COVID-19 pandemic, afterschool programs have risen to the moment to support youth, and are critical supports to help youth recover from this challenging time and address their academic, social and emotional needs; and
- WHEREAS: the City of Terre Haute has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and
- WHEREAS: *Lights on Afterschool*, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 20, 2022, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and
- WHEREAS: nearly 25 million families report that they would enroll their child in an afterschool program if one were available; and
- WHEREAS: many afterschool programs across the country are facing operating challenges so severe that they are forced to consider closing their doors and turning off their lights; and
- WHEREAS: the City of Terre Haute is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that help our children learn and grow, while helping them develop the skills essential for success in life and work.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2022, as

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY

and I commit the City of Terre Haute to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 19th day of October, 2022.


Duke A Bennett, Mayor

