



## PROCLAMATION

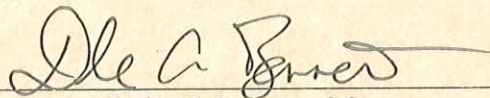
- WHEREAS: the white cane is a symbol of mobility and independence; and
- WHEREAS: the white cane serves as an extension of its user, providing assurance that the path is safe and clear; and
- WHEREAS: the confidence that assurance provides, empowers greater mobility and independence in people with vision loss; and
- WHEREAS: for those with sight, the white cane provides a vivid reminder of their responsibility to protect the safety of individuals using it and of the importance of protecting a pedestrian's right-of-way; and
- WHEREAS: the white cane is recognized worldwide as an essential instrument to the safety and independence of people who are blind or visually impaired.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 15, 2022 as

### NATIONAL WHITE CANE DAY

in Terre Haute, Indiana and ask all residents to be watchful of white canes and to protect the users' safety.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.



Duke A Bennett, Mayor

