

TERRE HAUTE

A LEVEL ABOVE

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: during this century, millions of children, women and men have been victims of unimaginable atrocities that deeply shock the conscience of humanity; and
- WHEREAS: grave crimes such as genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes threaten the peace, security and well-being of the world; and
- WHEREAS: those responsible for such crimes have largely gone unpunished throughout history; and
- WHEREAS: efforts to hold those responsible for such crimes will contribute to prevention and serve as a catalyst for ending the armed conflicts in which such crimes are often committed; and
- WHEREAS: it is the common responsibility of all countries to work together to ensure that perpetrators of such crimes are brought to justice; and
- WHEREAS: on July 17, 1998, governments from throughout the world came together in Rome, Italy, to establish the International Criminal Court ("ICC"), the world's first permanent court to prosecute individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, when the courts of the countries in which these crimes were committed are unable or unwilling to do so; and
- WHEREAS: the ICC is today investigating those responsible for atrocities perpetrated in Northern Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Central African Republic, and Darfur, Sudan, which together represent some of the most protracted, violent conflicts in the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin D. Burke, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute do hereby proclaim July 17, 2007 as

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE DAY

in Terre Haute and urge all residents to join in observance of and participate in activities to recognize the important contribution of the International Criminal Court to the advancement of justice, peace and security throughout the world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed, the 17th day of July 2007.



Mayor

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