

# City of Michigan City

Indiana



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** approximately 80,000 infants, children, teenagers, and young adults of families living throughout the United States die each year from myriad causes; and
- WHEREAS:** the death of an infant, child, teenager, or young adult of a family is considered to be one of the greatest tragedies that a parent or family will ever endure during a lifetime; and
- WHEREAS:** a supportive environment and empathy and understanding are considered critical factors in the healing process of a family that is coping with and recovering from the loss of a loved one; and
- WHEREAS:** a candlelight ceremony, open to the public, will take place Sunday at 7:00 pm on December 10, 2006, at Countryside Christian Church, to honor the memories of all children who have passed away; and
- WHEREAS:** "If there is to be any comfort at all as we endure the loss of a child, it would be that they are never, ever, forgotten ---"

**NOW THEREFORE, I, CHARLES E. OBERLIE**, Mayor of the City of Michigan City Indiana, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, do hereby proclaim December 10, 2006 as:

### *CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL DAY*

In the city of Michigan City, in the state of Indiana  
in memory of all our children who are no longer with us.

**Furthermore:** I call upon all citizens to light a candle at 7:00 pm on December 10<sup>th</sup> in honor of all children who have died, that their light may always shine.

**DATED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2006**



*Charles E. Oberlie*

Charles E. Oberlie, Mayor  
City of Michigan City

**ATTEST:**

*Thomas F. Fedder*

Thomas F. Fedder, Clerk