

WHEREAS: Drug Free Work Week is a collaborative effort organized by the Department of Labor, members of its Drug-Free Workplace Alliance, and other public and private sector organizations devoted to safe and healthy workplaces; and

WHEREAS: “Drug-Free Work Week is a good time to remind employers and employees that reducing workplace substance abuse is a crucial part of keeping workers safe,” ; and

WHEREAS: According to studies conducted by researchers at the University at Buffalo’s Research Institute on Addictions, an estimated 14.1 percent (17.7 million) of working adults in the U.S. used illicit drugs in the previous year, with an estimated 3.1 percent (3.9 million) actually doing so before reporting to work or during working hours; and

WHEREAS: The City of Michigan City is proud to join this effort in promoting safety in the workplace and to encourage all employers and employees to implement effective drug-free workplace programs that focus on detection and deterrence, while also offering assistance and support for workers who may have substance abuse problems; and

WHEREAS: During Drug-Free Work Week, 2008, an informational display will be placed at City Hall to learn more ways to promote a drug-free healthful workplace every week.

NOWTHEREFORE, I, CHARLES E. OBERLIE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, do hereby declare October 20 – October 26, 2008 as:

DRUG-FREE WORK WEEK AWARENESS

In the City of Michigan City and I encourage all employers, supervisors and workers to participate in recognizing Drug-Free Work Week.

DATED THIS 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2008

Charles E. Oberlie, Mayor
City of Michigan City

ATTEST:

Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk