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CITIZENS ASKED TO MONITOR SNOW CONDITIONS

Michigan City, IN --- Mayor Chuck Oberlie and John W. Jones, Director of Emergency Management, issued the following statement today:

Citizens are being warned that a Winter Storm Warning has been issued for Northern and Central Indiana for Thursday evening from 9:00 p.m. CST into Friday afternoon until 12:00 p.m. Jones forwarded the following statement: "The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning for Thursday evening with potential for snow accumulations of 6 to 14 inches possible. The snow may become mixed with sleet and freezing rain after midnight tonight into Friday a.m. The precipitation will be heavy at times. Ice accumulations could be between 1 ¼ to 1 ½ inches making conditions dangerous or impossible for anyone traveling.

Mayor Oberlie stated; "Our citizens should plan accordingly for the multitude of issues this storm will bring. First, I am urging citizens to monitor local media outlets for related weather developments and to take all necessary safety precautions as appropriate. This may include staying home and off the streets in severe conditions. Secondly, I am issuing a Phase I Snow Removal Condition for Friday morning at 6:00 a.m. to allow our street department proper access to clean the street routes from curb to curb. In an effort to better manage snow removal, the city will proactively issue and Automatic Phase I Snow Removal Condition each time the weather service forecasts that the city will receive two (2) or more inches of new snow fall. After the snow routes and the north and west sides and all other streets have been cleared of snow to the curb, the city will issue notice to the local media of a Phase II Snow Removal Condition."

- A Phase 1 Snow Removal Condition places a parking ban on both sides of all identified snow routes and on the north and west sides of all other remaining streets.
- A Phase 2 Snow Removal Condition places a parking ban on both sides of all identified snow routes and on the south and east sides of all other remaining streets.

By making the snow removal phases automatic, the citizens will be asked to work with city officials to make the task of snow removal more productive and safer for the community, stated Mayor Oberlie.