

City of Michigan City

Indiana



Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** Homeward Bound, a project of the Indiana Coalition on Housing and Homeless Issues (ICHHI), is a series of annual walks that take place in communities throughout the state to raise funding for and awareness about affordable housing and homeless needs in Indiana; and
- WHEREAS:** Since its inception in 2003, Homeward Bound has raised nearly \$2.5 million for over 90 affordable housing and homeless service providers around the state, making it Indiana's largest grassroots fundraiser with the ultimate goal of ending homelessness.
- WHEREAS:** ICHHI is a statewide non-profit membership based organization that is dedicated to ensuring that every Hoosier has a safe place to call home, a safety net of social services and a path to self-sufficiency; and
- WHEREAS:** Homelessness is a serious concern in our community and across the country. In 2009, on a single point in time in January, 191 persons were homeless in Michigan City, including families with children, elderly persons, the disabled, and victims of domestic violence; and
- WHEREAS:** The public service agencies and churches continue to help, house and feed the increasing number of homeless persons and families in Michigan City; and
- WHEREAS:** Our local Homeward Bound 5K walk, will take place on September 26, 2009, in Washington Park; and
- WHEREAS:** Now is a perfect time to focus together on the crucial issue of homelessness by participating in the 5Kwalk or by making a donation; and
- WHEREAS:** The principle of Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and right for all Americans.
- NOWTHEREFORE, I, Charles E. Oberlie, Mayor of the City of Michigan City, do hereby declare Saturday, September 26th as:**

HOMeward BOUND DAY

In the City of Michigan City, Indiana, and I call upon all citizens to join me and other community leaders, businesses and organizations in the campaign against homelessness and to call attention to the important need for all members of the community to have access to safe housing.

DATED THIS 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009


Charles E. Oberlie, Mayor
City of Michigan City

ATTEST:


Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk

