

**WHEREAS** the beautiful inland beaches of Northern Indiana represent a world renowned recreational resource; and

**WHEREAS** the citizens of Michigan City and visitors alike are drawn to the Michigan City Lighthouse, Pier and Catwalk each year for fishing, to take photos, or simply to enjoy a casual stroll; and

**WHEREAS** the aquatic environment has dangers that can be effectively managed through public awareness and the vigilance of professional lifeguards, parents, caregivers and knowledgeable bathers; and

**WHEREAS** the primary reason for the construction of piers and breakwaters is to tame wave action and provide shelter for vessels, and recreational use of said structures is not intended or advised; and

**WHEREAS** the citizens of Michigan City and visitors alike are encouraged to understand and respect the awesome power of Mother nature and the often unforeseen hazards that can exist just below the water line; and that quickly developing weather and lake conditions can change the character of a pleasurable day at the beach; and that residents and visitors are encouraged to take advantage of the many educational opportunities regarding boating, swimming, and diving in Lake Michigan and the need for respect of the Lake.

**NOW THEREFORE, I CHARLES OBERLIE**, Mayor of the City of Michigan City, Indiana do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2007 as:

## **PIER AND BEACH SAFETY MONTH**

In the City of Michigan City in the State of Indiana, and urge all residents and visitors using our pier and beaches to enjoy themselves this year while taking appropriate measures to protect themselves and their children.

**Furthermore:** The citizens of Michigan City and visitors alike must remember to Never Swim Alone, Always Swim Near A Lifeguard, Never Drink Alcohol Before Swimming, Respect the Power of Lake Michigan, and Learn to Swim.

**DATED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2007**

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Charles Oberlie, Mayor  
City of Michigan City

**ATTEST:**

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Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk