

# City of Michigan City

Indiana



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** Throughout our nation's history, homeownership has been central to the American way of life. Homeownership plays a critical role in strengthening families and communities, and for those reasons, our nation has long promoted homeownership; and
- WHEREAS:** Since America's earliest days, homeownership has been creating community stakeholders who are active in charities and their places of worship, and more likely to vote and become involved with local issues. Moreover, homeownership offers children a stable living environment, and influences their development in measurable ways; and
- WHEREAS:** Homeownership also serves as an engine of social mobility and the pathway to prosperity. In fact, owning a home is a family's quickest and surest path to self-sufficiency, and provides families with stability and security; and
- WHEREAS:** Today, nearly 75 million Americans are homeowners, and the percentage of households that have achieved homeownership - nearly 70 percent - is at an all-time high. Minority homeownership is also at an all-time high, as nearly 52% of all minority households own their homes; and
- WHEREAS:** The federal government is working aggressively to make homeownership more affordable and more accessible, and to ensure that the dream of homeownership is available to all Americans. Michigan City joins with the federal government in this mission.

The City of Michigan City through the Community Development Block Grant program provides funding for First Time Homeowner education and homeowner education and counseling. It is through these programs that the City is making homeownership more accessible and achievable for all of Michigan City's residents.


**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charles E. Oberle, Mayor of the City of Michigan City, in the State of Indiana do hereby proclaim June 2007 as:**

### Homeownership Month

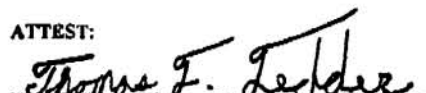
and call upon all the people of the City of Michigan City to join me in recognizing the importance of providing every citizen with the opportunity to own their own home.

DATED THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2007



  
 Charles E. Oberle, Mayor  
 City of Michigan City

ATTEST:

  
 Thomas F. Fedder, Clerk