

**WHEREAS** In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day, Arbor Day, be set aside for the planting of trees; one million trees were planted, changing Nebraska from a treeless plain and encouraging similar transformations across the country; and

**WHEREAS** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the United States and the world; and

**WHEREAS** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, protecting our waterways and our ability to grow food; trees cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

**WHEREAS** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of spiritual joy and renewal; and

**NOW THEREFORE, I CHARLES E. OBERLIE**, Mayor of the City of Michigan City, Indiana do hereby proclaim May 13, 2006 as

### **ARBOR DAY**

In the City of Michigan City in the State of Indiana, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day in a personal way by planting a tree yourself. Support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. It is an act of optimism and kindness, a labor of love and a commitment to stewardship. I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day every year by planting trees which gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**DATED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> day of May, 2006**

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Charles E. Oberlie, Mayor  
City of Michigan City

**ATTEST:**

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Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk