

City of Michigan City

Indiana



Proclamation

- Whereas:** child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and
- Whereas:** every day thousands of children are mistreated by their parents, guardians, relatives or caregivers. In fiscal year 2006, 54 children died from abuse and neglect in Indiana. Approximately 60,000 children are reported as abused or neglected in Indiana each year; and
- Whereas:** the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community; and
- Whereas:** effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and
- Whereas:** youth-serving prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage youth to develop strong ties to their community; and
- Whereas:** all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community to help ensure the safety and well being of our children.

Now, therefore, I, Charles Oberlie, do hereby proclaim April as

Child Abuse Prevention Month in Michigan City

And call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in the effort to prevent child abuse and neglect, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2007

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Oberlie".

Charles Oberlie, Mayor
City of Michigan City

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas F. Fedder".

Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk

