

- WHEREAS:** National Nursing Week is an opportunity to learn about the largest group of health-care providers in the country, the nearly 2.9 million registered nurses who make a difference in the lives of Americans every day; and
- WHEREAS:** nurses are committed to providing timely and quality health services to people of all ages; and
- WHEREAS:** nurses are navigators in the health system and work with patients to arrange for services such as nutrition counseling, physical activity, occupational therapy, mental health supports, social services and medical support; and
- WHEREAS:** Professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and
- WHEREAS:** The demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and
- WHEREAS:** That more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and
- WHEREAS:** The cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future; and
- WHEREAS:** Along with the American Nurses Association, the Indiana Organization of Nurse Executives has declared the week of May 6-12 as National Nurses Week with the theme **“Nurses: Strength, Commitment, Compassion”** which highlights the diversity of the nursing profession working in our community. Nurses are visible in the hospitals, clinics, schools, businesses, nursing homes, politics and even individual homes to name just a few.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Charles Oberlie declare the week of May 6-12 as:

#### **NURSES WEEK**

In Michigan City, Indiana, and call upon the citizens of Michigan City to join me in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us, and be it further that the residents of Michigan City celebrate registered nursing’s accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and show our appreciation for the nation’s registered nurses not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

**DATED THIS 1ST DAY OF MAY, 2006**

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Charles Oberlie, Mayor  
City of Michigan City

ATTEST:

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Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk