

WHEREAS Indiana has 752,885 persons aged 65 and older, representing 12.38 percent of the total population; and Michigan City boasts more than 4600 persons aged 65 and older, representing 14 percent of our total population; and our state has sixteen Area Agencies on Aging that provide a variety of services to enable older Hoosiers and persons with disabilities to live as independently as possible; and

WHEREAS it is fitting to recognize the contributions made by older Hoosiers in the past, present and future, the Agency on Aging declares the month of May as “Older Americans Month;” and

WHEREAS a society for all ages recognizes the rights and responsibilities of all groups, and stronger individuals of all ages result in stronger communities, and stronger communities create a stronger nation overall; and

WHEREAS it will take all ages of Hoosiers working together to assure the health and well-being of our state; and

WHEREAS one of the greatest achievements of this century is the increase in average life span; and

WHEREAS it is important to plan for the aging of the population, especially with the impact of “baby boomers” who will begin to retire en masse around 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charles Oberlie, Mayor of Michigan City, Indiana, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2006 as

Older Americans Month

in the City of Michigan City and ask that all citizens recognize and appreciate the efforts of all older Hoosiers and those working for the good of older adults. I encourage all of our citizens to be cognizant of this Older American Month and to recognize the importance of a healthy lifestyle as we age.

DATED THIS 1st day of May, 2006

Charles Oberlie, Mayor
City of Michigan City

ATTEST:

Thomas Fedder, City Clerk