

# City of Michigan City

Indiana



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** The City of Michigan City is most fortunate to count Deacon Odell Simmons among its citizens and to be one of its community leaders in service, justice, and compassion; and

**WHEREAS:** Deacon Odell Simmons and his wife Dorothy moved to Michigan City from Wynn, Arizona in 1952. Deacon Simmons joined the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in 1958 under the pastorate of Reverend Clifford D. Williams. Through his serving he encouraged his wife who later also became a member; and

**WHEREAS:** Deacon Odell Simmons's service to the community recognizes him as a beacon in his community, a caring faithful servant to his church, a Godly example that has touched so many lives and an individual with outstanding commitment in community outreach; and

**WHEREAS:** Deacon Odell Simmons is a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Deacon Simmons and wife Dorothy have been married for 50 years and were blessed with 10 children. Deacon thanks God daily for his family; and

**WHEREAS:** Deacon Odell Simmons is a source of spiritual guidance and growth to all individuals in need of hope, helping others to mature in faith; and offering selfless acts of giving in love; and

**WHEREAS:** Deacon Simmons maintains the church, offers communion to the sick and homebound, helps families to bury their loved ones, labors to console those who sorrow and reaches out with integrity to his community – all with the love of God in his heart; and

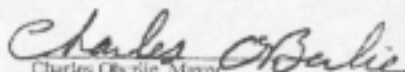
**WHEREAS:** On Friday, July 23, 2004, the Mt. Zion Church family is planning a tribute to Deacon Odell Simmons in honor of his retirement to "Chalmers Emeritus" of the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Deacon Simmons will continue to fulfill the charge he began over 35 years ago with an honorary status on the Deacon Board.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR CHARLES OBERLIE** of Michigan City, Indiana, do hereby proclaim Friday, July 23, 2004, as

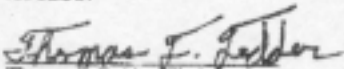
### Deacon Odell Simmons Day

I extend my personal congratulations to Deacon Simmons and commend him for his concern about and positive interaction with the citizens of our community and for his dedication to service.

**DATED THIS 23rd DAY OF JULY, 2004**

  
Charles Oberlie, Mayor  
City of Michigan City

**ATTEST:**

  
Thomas F. Fetter, Clerk

