

City of Michigan City

Indiana



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The month of March 2005, has been designated by the Governor as "Disabilities Awareness Month" to celebrate and recognize people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals with disabilities to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society and experience full inclusion in the economic, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of American society; and

WHEREAS: Family members, friends, and members of the community can play a central role in enhancing the lives of people with disabilities especially when the family and community are provided with necessary support services; and public and private employers are aware of the capabilities of people with disabilities to be engaged in competitive work in inclusive settings; and

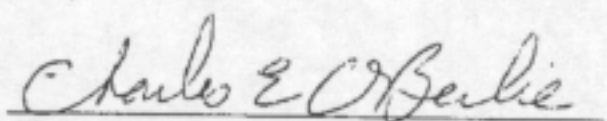
WHEREAS: The goals of this city and state properly include providing individuals with disabilities the opportunities and support to make informed choices and decisions; live in homes and communities where such individuals can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens; pursue meaningful and productive lives; contribute to their family community, state and nation; have interdependent friendships and relationships with others; and achieve full inclusion in society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Charles E. Oberlie, Mayor of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2005, as;

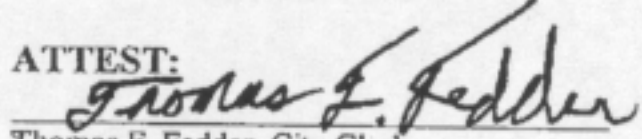
DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

In the City of Michigan City, and call upon all citizens to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities; furthermore, I encourage the citizens of Michigan City to seek counsel and input from any person or group with knowledge and expertise in matters concerning disabilities

DATED THIS 1 st DAY OF MARCH, 2005


Charles E. Oberlie, Mayor
City of Michigan City

ATTEST:


Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk

