

**WHEREAS:** The City of Michigan City is fortunate to count among its citizens and community leaders a woman who has protected the futures for some of our community's women and children...Gerry Jones; and

**WHEREAS:** On October 28, 2005, Ms. Jones will celebrate her twentieth anniversary as the Executive Director of Stepping Stone Shelter for Women, Inc., a safe haven for abused women and their children; and

**WHEREAS:** Ms. Jones has worked countless hours to help the shelter grow into a safe, compassionate home for women and their children where they receive not only shelter and clothing but counseling, job training and...most importantly...hope of a better future; and

**WHEREAS:** Every aspect of Ms. Jones' life is filled with devotion. Whether it's for her family, her church, or her role as Director of Stepping Stone Shelter, Ms. Jones' commitment to compassion and generosity brightens the lives of hundreds of individuals every day.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR CHARLES OBERLIE** of Michigan City, Indiana, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 28th<sup>st</sup> as:

### **Gerry Jones Day of Appreciation**

I extend my personal congratulations to Gerry Jones and commend her for her concern about and positive interaction with the citizens of our community and for her dedication to service.

**DATED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005**

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Charles Oberlie, Mayor  
City of Michigan City

**ATTEST:**

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Thomas F. Fedder, Clerk