

WHEREAS: On August 29, 2005, the nation witnessed the awesome and terrible power of Mother Nature as Hurricane Katrina ravaged our southern coastline and buried one of our treasured cities beneath the rubble and dark water; and

WHEREAS: The hurricane left thousands of victims of all ages and walks of life homeless, hungry, in search of missing loved ones, and surrounded by the toxic waters trapped in their cities; and

WHEREAS; We must band together as a community - as American families who reach out to our neighbors on our southern coastline - to do whatever we can to bring comfort, peace, safety and dignity back to the hurricane victims during this tragedy; and

WHEREAS: Many local organizations will be called upon to assist evacuees who come to our community; and

WHEREAS: A broad-based coalition has formed to help LaPorte County residents provide aid to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. A special account designated the LaPorte County Chapter of the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund is now established with Horizon Bank, Members Advantage Credit Union, and other local banks. Michigan City residents and businesses are encouraged to donate funds to this special account.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Charles Oberlie, do hereby proclaim the week of September 11th through September 17th as

Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Week

in the City of Michigan City, and I encourage all citizens to take time this week to reflect on this nation-wide catastrophe and to reach out by donating to a National Hurricane Katrina relief fund and local fundraising activities in the area, and to daily remember all of the hurricane victims in your prayers.

DATED THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005

Mayor Charles E. Oberlie
City of Michigan City

ATTEST:

Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk