

# City of Michigan City

Indiana



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Operation Lifesaver is a nationwide, not for profit information program dedicated to eliminating collisions between motor vehicles and trains, injuries and fatalities at highway-rail crossings and on railroad right of ways; and
- WHEREAS: in the United States, a vehicle and train collide approximately every 90 minutes, with the motorist being 30 times more likely to die in a vehicle-train crash than in other types of highway accidents.; and
- WHEREAS: an average freight train weighs approximately 20 million pounds and, when traveling at 50 miles per hour, requires one and one-half miles, or the length of 27 football fields, to come to a complete stop; and
- WHEREAS: Indiana ranks fourth nationally in the number of vehicle-train crashes, and
- WHEREAS: there are many railroad crossings within LaPorte County, each of them providing an opportunity for injury or death from a vehicle-train crash, in 2004, there were six (6) accidents at LaPorte County railroad crossings resulting in two (2) fatalities; and
- WHEREAS: Indiana Operation Lifesaver will celebrate 25 Years of Service to the residents of Indiana in 2005. The crash/fatality statistics over the past 25 years have shown a dramatic reduction.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Charles E. Oberlie, Mayor of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, in conjunction with Operation Lifesaver, proclaim May 18, 2005 as:**

### OPERATION LIFESAVER DAY

in the City of Michigan City and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of this event and to participate by respecting the organizations' warnings.

**DATED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2005**

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Charles E. Oberlie, Mayor  
City of Michigan City

**ATTEST:**

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Thomas F. Fodder, Clerk

