

City of Michigan City

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Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** the future of Michigan City rests on the hopes and dreams of its children; and
- WHEREAS:** mentors offer valuable encouragement, motivation and hope for our youth by providing a consistent role model; and
- WHEREAS:** too many youth will face struggles with alcohol and other drugs, gangs, teen pregnancy and educational failure; and
- WHEREAS:** research has shown mentored youth are 52% less likely to skip a day of school, 46% less likely to start using drugs, and 27% less likely to start drinking; and
- WHEREAS:** relationships with caring mentors offer youth valuable encouragement, motivation, and support to guide them toward making positive choices; and
- WHEREAS:** partnerships between businesses, education and mentor programs are an effective way for businesses to support youth within our community; and
- WHEREAS:** collaborative mentor programs that are supported by the entire community (i.e. the local chamber, local law enforcement, service clubs, local media organizations, etc.) are more visible and therefore more successful; and
- WHEREAS:** hundreds of Michigan City youth are waiting for a mentor; and
- WHEREAS:** National Mentoring Month provides an opportunity to recognize and commend the efforts of these programs and raise community awareness of the importance of mentoring.

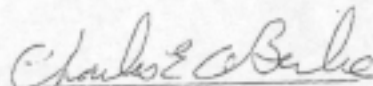
NOW THEREFORE, I, CHARLES E. OBERLIE, Mayor of the City of Michigan City do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2006, as:

MENTORING MONTH IN MICHIGAN CITY

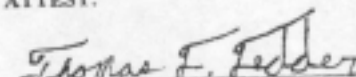
and I call upon the citizens of the City of Michigan City to recognize the importance of mentoring, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in our community, and to celebrate this month with appropriate activities and programs.

DATED THIS 1ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2006




Charles E. Oberlie, Mayor
City of Michigan City

ATTEST:


Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk