

WHEREAS: approximately 80,000 infants, children, teenagers, and young adults of families living throughout the United States die each year from myriad causes; and

WHEREAS: the death of an infant, child, teenager, or young adult of a family is considered to be one of the greatest tragedies that a parent or family will ever endure during a lifetime; and

WHEREAS: a supportive environment and empathy and understanding are considered critical factors in the healing process of a family that is coping with and recovering from the loss of a loved one; and

WHEREAS: a candlelight ceremony, open to the public, will take place Sunday at 7:00 pm on December 11, 2005, at Countryside Christian Church, in memory of all children who have passed away.

NOW THEREFORE, I, CHARLES E. OBERLIE, Mayor of the City of Michigan City Indiana, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, do hereby proclaim December 11, 2005 as:

***NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL DAY***

In memory of all our children who are no longer with us.

Furthermore: I call upon all citizens to light a candle at 7:00 pm on December 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of all children who have died, that their light may always shine.

DATED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005

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Charles E. Oberlie, Mayor  
City of Michigan City

ATTEST:

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Thomas F. Fedder, Clerk