

City of Michigan City

Indiana



Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day, Arbor Day, be set aside for the planting of trees; one million trees were planted, changing Nebraska from a treeless plain and encouraging similar transformations across the country; and
- WHEREAS:** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the United States and the world; and
- WHEREAS:** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, protecting our waterways and our ability to grow food; trees cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and
- WHEREAS:** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and
- WHEREAS:** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and
- WHEREAS:** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of spiritual joy and renewal; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Michigan City is most fortunate to have dedicated members of our Tree Board working effortlessly to provide a cleaner, healthier, more tree filled Michigan City.

NOW THEREFORE, I CHARLES E. OBERLIE, Mayor of the City of Michigan
City, Indiana do hereby proclaim April 30, 2010 as

ARBOR DAY

In the City of Michigan City in the State of Indiana, and urge all
citizens to celebrate Arbor Day in a personal way by planting a tree
yourself and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.
It is an act of optimism and kindness, a labor of love and a
commitment to stewardship.

DATED THIS 30TH day of April, 2010



Charles E. Oberlie
Charles E. Oberlie, Mayor
City of Michigan City

ATTEST:

Thomas F. Fedder
Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk