

# City of Michigan City

Indiana



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** *Lights On Afterschool* is celebrated every October in communities nationwide to call attention to the importance of afterschool programs for America's children, families and communities; and,

**WHEREAS:** This year, 2009, represents the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the nationwide *Lights On Afterschool* celebration with one million Americans expected to participate; and,

**WHEREAS:** The citizens of Michigan City stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they:

- Provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills;
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends;
- Build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people;
- Engage families, schools and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Michigan City Area Schools' Safe Harbor afterschool program is one of the best afterschool programs in the State of Indiana and has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR CHARLES E. OBERLIE**, of Michigan City, Indiana, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 22, 2009, as:

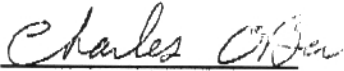
### **Lights On Afterschool Day**

in the City of Michigan City, Indiana, and,

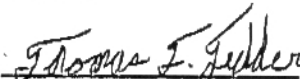
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this mayor enthusiastically endorses Lights On Afterschool and commits our community to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

**DATED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009**



  
Charles E. Oberlie, Mayor  
City of Michigan City

**ATTEST:**

  
Thomas F. Fedder, Clerk