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RIBBON DISPLAY AT CITY HALL

Michigan City, IN (November 30, 2004) – As you drive past City Hall on your way to the annual Festival of Lights and Zooltide this weekend and as you enter Washington Park, you will see two new and very special displays; one on the East side of City Hall and the other at the J.C. Stage in Washington Park. Mayor Oberlie stated, “The ribbons represent the heart of this community.”

Mayor Chuck Oberlie said, “Michigan City now has twelve soldiers in or heading out to the Middle East. The ten-foot tall yellow ribbon at City Hall symbolizes our support for our own as well as the other 130,000 American men and women serving their country in Iraq. This ribbon will remain lit until every soldier from the 938th Military Police return home.”

A pink ribbon symbolizing the city's support for breast cancer awareness is in place along the J.C. Stage in Washington Park. “There may be no family which has not been affected by cancer,” Mayor Oberlie said. “The value of early detection of breast cancer cannot be overstated. More than 32,000 Hoosiers will be diagnosed with cancer in 2004 according to the American Cancer Society. The probability of developing cancer as we grow older increases exponentially – regardless of where we live.

Mayor Oberlie concluded, “The pink ribbon will remain up for the duration of the Festival of Lights. The ribbon will also be moved to various locations within the City throughout the new year.” The Mayor's Campaign Against Cancer has many special events scheduled. The next one is the Chili Cook Off at Washington Park this Saturday, December 4th, from 4-7 p.m.”

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