

- WHEREAS** In September of 1925, the Michigan City Business and Professional Women's Club became an organized effort with the challenging and critically important goal of building woman power, politically, professionally and personally; and
- WHEREAS** In 1928, National Business Women's Week, sponsored by Business and Professional Women (BPW)/USA was launched for the purpose of recognizing and honoring the achievements of working women throughout history; and
- WHEREAS** National and local BPW members call attention to women entrepreneurs, facilitate discussions on the needs of working women, share information about successful workplace policies, and raise awareness of the resources available for women in their communities; and
- WHEREAS:** The first annual observance of National Business Women's Week was held April 15-22, 1928 when National President Lena Madestin Phillips opened the week with a national broadcast; and
- WHEREAS:** From this early effort, National Business Women's Week (NBWW) has grown into a nationwide salute to all working women, as well as an opportunity to spotlight national and local BPW programs and objectives; and
- WHEREAS:** Though women have more business and professional opportunities today than ever before, the program outlined for the first observance of NBWW is still relevant to our current challenges; and

**NOW THEREFORE, I, CHARLES E. OBERLIE, MAYOR** of the City of Michigan City, in honor of National Business Women's Week and the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Michigan City Business and Professional Women's Club, do hereby proclaim the week of October 17 through October 22, 2005 as:

**NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK in Michigan City**

and call upon all citizens to recognize and support the efforts of the thousands of business and professional women in our community.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005

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Charles Oberlie, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Thomas Fedder, City Clerk