

- WHEREAS** On August 26, 1920, seventy two years after the Women’s Suffrage Movement became an organized effort with the challenging and critically important goal of the inclusion of women in the Constitution, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, and the women of the United States became voters; and,
- WHEREAS** Just prior to the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution, the National American Women’s Suffrage Association was dissolved and the founding of the League of Women Voters was proclaimed; and,
- WHEREAS** The mission of the newly organized League of Women Voters was to encourage, train and bring women to fully participate in this newly won franchise; and,
- WHEREAS** After early successes and with the passage of time the purpose of the League of Women Voters was expanded upon to include the study and substantive discussion of public policy issues; and,
- WHEREAS** The League of Women Voters is the nation’s premier grassroots citizen organization, providing our nation’s citizens voter information, guidance on civic participation and access to information on public policy issues; and,
- WHEREAS** The League of Women Voters of LaPorte County began as a Charter League in 1920 and, over these many years, our local League has a long and distinguished record with a positive impact on our community not only through their dedicated efforts of hosting forums for local candidates for public office, conducting voter registration drives and promoting voter education, but through further outreach that has led to the creation and establishment of the County Park system, Michigan City’s Master Plan and visiting nurses services.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR Charles Oberlie** of Michigan City, Indiana, in celebrating the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the League of Women Voters and the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, salute the outstanding civic accomplishments achieved by the League of Women Voters in pursuing their mission of making democracy work for all citizens do hereby proclaim Friday, August 26, 2005, as:

## **League of Women Voters Appreciation Day**

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005.

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Charles Oberlie, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Thomas Fedder, City Clerk