

# City of Michigan City

Indiana



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** Hey U G L Y (Unique Gifted Lovable You) is a non profit organization dedicated to helping teens and pre-teens counter bullying, obesity, racism and suicide. As part of the Hey UGLY program, students from St. Stanislaus Kosta have created a Stop Bullying Task Force in an effort to create awareness of bullying and stopping it in its tracks in our community and abroad; and

**WHEREAS:** an event has been planned at St. Stanislaus School for the first signing of the 300' banner "Stop Bullying". Students signing this banner have completed their Stop Bullying studies and taken the pledge; and

**WHEREAS:** bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation directed at a person or group of people; and

**WHEREAS:** various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

**WHEREAS:** according to the CDC, approximately 864,000 teens in the United States report staying home one day a month because they fear for their safety, 5.7 million kids and teens are bullies, have been bullied, or both; and

**WHEREAS:** targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

**WHEREAS:** children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

**WHEREAS:** a large percentage of children who are bullied believe that adult help is infrequent and ineffective.

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved,** that I, Charles E. Oberlie, Mayor of the City of Michigan City, do hereby proclaim March 3rd as:

### STOP BULLYING DAY

In the City of Michigan City; and

**Furthermore:** I encourage all citizens, schools, parents, recreation programs, religious institutions, and community organizations to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our community safer for all children and adolescents.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of March, 2010



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Charles E. Oberlie, Mayor  
City of Michigan City

ATTEST:

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Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk