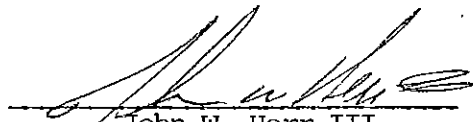


PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: The Great Lakes contain more than 20% of the world's and more than 95% of the United States' surface freshwater providing an unlimited variety of economic and social benefits;
- WHEREAS: The United States and Canada have made significant strides toward the clean-up of the Lakes in the past 15 years and Indiana will continue to work with Canada and other Great Lake states to preserve, protect, and enhance our common resource, the Great Lakes;
- WHEREAS: Indiana's 45 mile Lake Michigan shoreline is home to one of the largest energy and industrial complexes in the world significantly contributing to the state as well as national economy;
- WHEREAS: Over 40% of our Lake Michigan shoreline lies in eight major public parks that welcome over 2 million visitors annually to enjoy their many unique environmental and recreational resources while contributing \$14 million directly into Indiana's economy;
- WHEREAS: Indiana's Lake Michigan waters and its tributaries can boast one of the finest trout and salmon fisheries in the Great Lakes;
- WHEREAS: All Hoosiers are dedicated to the wise use and proper management of Lake Michigan, our great natural resource for the benefit of present and future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, the city/town of St. John hereby joins the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, the cities and towns of Porter, LaPorte and Lake Counties, the State of Indiana, and our sister Great Lakes states in proclaiming the week of July 29 through August 4, 1984 as Great Lakes Week.


John W. Herr III
Town Board President

ATTEST:

