

WHEREAS, owning a home is an important part of the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, owning a home gives vitality to American cities and towns and creates that sense of community so many Americans dream of and are willing to work for ; and

WHEREAS, homeownership encourages strong family values, personal responsibility and well being, and economic prosperity for families; and

WHEREAS homeownership stabilizes neighborhoods, builds communities, generates economic growth and promotes and develops deeper roots and interest in their home town; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mishawaka, is actively engaged in increasing homeownership opportunities and providing counseling services for the citizens of Mishawaka through the successful efforts of a partnership of public, private and not-for-profit organizations and through the city's First Time Homebuyer Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mishawaka has increased homeownership in the community by repairing homes and constructing new homes, training new homebuyers and financing the acquisition of homes for our citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David A Wood, Mayor of the City of Mishawaka, Indiana, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2011 as

National Homeownership Month

and I call upon the citizens of Mishawaka to recognize this special observance with activities which increase awareness of the opportunities and advantages of homeownership throughout our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Mishawaka to be affixed this 21st day of June, 2011.

David A. Wood