

## **Proclamation in Honor of The Linn Family**

Whereas, on February 7, 2013, Mr. Robert Horvath from Elkhart, Indiana, falls through the ice on Pleasant Lake. Clinging to an inverted five-gallon bucket, he begins yelling for help.

Whereas, at home on Sunset Drive is the Linn Family – Jeff, Christy, and son Josh.

Whereas, Christy Linn hears the calls for help; amazingly from inside her home. She calls 911 and sends her family to investigate.

Whereas, Jeff and Josh Linn locate Mr. Horvath through the ice. They grab an extension ladder and a rope.

Whereas, Jeff and Josh enter the ice and head towards Mr. Horvath. Remarkably, Mr. Horvath thinks not of himself, but for the safety of Jeff and Josh. They ignore his pleas to stay back.

Whereas, Jeff and Josh extend the ladder to Mr. Horvath. Jeff anchors one end while Josh makes his way to the other. Josh manages to get the rope around Mr. Horvath. Jeff and Josh try to remove Mr. Horvath from the water, but his clothing is too heavy and the ice is too weak.

Whereas, Jeff and Josh ignore a fireman's plea to leave the ice, knowing that if they let go Mr. Horvath would most likely drown.

Whereas, Jeff and Josh manage to keep Mr. Horvath, who is suffering from advancing stages of hypothermia, above water until rescuers arrive.

Whereas, without Christy's astute hearing, and without the risk-taking intervention of Jeff and Josh, Mr. Horvath ability to stay above water is doubtful.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN BY ALL, that the City of Three Rivers recognizes Christy, Jeff, and Josh Linn for a life saved under extremely dangerous conditions on February 7, 2013.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas J. Lowry, Mayor

Date: March 5, 2013