

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF

Michael McKechnie

On January 27, 2007, while ice fishing on Lake St. Clair, Mike McKechnie witnessed a life-threatening snowmobile accident. The snowmobile, carrying a father and his young son, broke through the ice and the riders were submerged in the frigid water. Mr. McKechnie responded quickly and courageously to the emergency situation.

WHEREAS, Mike McKechnie, aware of the danger to himself, put his life in jeopardy by proceeding onto thin ice to rescue the father and son; and

WHEREAS, Mike McKechnie, demonstrating heroism and very quick thinking, was able to reach the victims, elicit the help of others to form a "hand-to-ankle" human chain, and pull the father and son to safety; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the action taken by Mike McKechnie, the father and his son were rescued from the danger of hypothermia or drowning in the frigid water; and

WHEREAS, The City of Rochester Hills is extremely proud of the heroic effort put forth by Mike McKechnie, and would like to commend him for a job well done.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that the Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills hereby recognize Mike McKechnie for his bravery, and his willingness to put his own life in jeopardy to assist in the rescue of another.

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