

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF  
ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL 2024-2025 STUDENT COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, The **Athens High School Student Council** is a very active and dedicated group of 53 students and two advisors, committed to giving back to their community as well as the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Each year the **Athens High Student Council** puts in countless hours, as well as blood, sweat and tears to help raise money for a charity of their choice during Charity Week. Charity Week is all about generosity, activism, collaboration, and service leadership. Students have fun and make meaningful memories while giving of themselves for the benefit of others; and

**WHEREAS**, The **Athens High Student Council** selected **Next Steps 4 Seniors Foundation**, in the hopes of raising awareness about an underserved population. The Foundation was founded in 2017 with the intention of providing financial assistance for low-income seniors in need of proper housing, food, health care, and supportive services; and

**WHEREAS**, This year the **Athens High Student Council** gave back in a way that many teens and even most adults could not do by organizing a full week of activities, including carnival night, "Community Quest" scavenger hunt, ice skating, "Jail-n-Bail," belly flop contest, hypnosis show, pancake breakfast, coin stalls in the classrooms, film festival, parent cook-off, restaurant nights, volleyball tournament, Mr. Athens Pageant, pep assembly, dance, euchre tournament for parents, and an "Espresso Yourself" talent show; and

**WHEREAS**, **Athens High Student Council** raised **\$100,501.93** for the Next Steps 4 Seniors Foundation. In 2024 they raised **\$166,439.53** for Love for a Child; In 2023 they raised **\$115,184.24** for Carol's Angels and Warriors; and in 2022 they raised **\$117,706.46** for Alex's Saints Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, The **Athens Student Council** generates excitement throughout the School's 1,600 students as well as within the community. Student Council meetings take place prior to school starting, and after a full day of classes members stay after school to count the money raised from the day's activities, set up for the night events, run those events, and then go home to complete their homework. There is not a lot of sleep for Student Council members during Charity Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Troy City Council extends special recognition to the **Athens High School Student Council**, for their selfless and tireless service and dedication to so many worthwhile organizations over the years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Troy City Council and all of Troy's residents congratulate the **Athens High Student Council** for being a shining example of how to give back to the community, as well as the region, and wish all of the **Athens High School Students** continued success in all future endeavors.

**Presented this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2025.**