CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION & CONGRATULATIONS BEMIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CROWNED 2025 NATIONAL MATH PENTATHLON CHAMPIONS

WHEREAS, In an extraordinary demonstration of teamwork, critical thinking, and academic excellence, **Bemis Elementary School** has been awarded the **2025 National Math Pentathlon First Place Gold Trophy**, the highest honor in the Math Pentathlon program nationwide; and

WHEREAS, This recognition reflects **Bemis Elementary School's** exceptional performance across all three competition divisions—solidifying its place at the top of a field that includes thousands of students across the United States; and

WHEREAS, The **Gold Trophy** is presented annually to the highest-scoring team in the nation, based on cumulative performance across all grade levels, and requires teams to include boys and girls from five different grade levels to meet tournament game monitor quotas; and

WHEREAS, This year, **Bemis Elementary School** not only met these rigorous standards but achieved the highest team score recorded in the last 24 years of the competition from Michigan. Over two-thirds of the students earned awards at the national level, and they received the highest score ever recorded from Michigan in a national tournament; and

WHEREAS, This incredible achievement was the result of months of hard work by over 60 student Pentathletes across three divisions: **Division 1** (Kindergarten and 1st Grade) coached by **Gopalarao Thulugu**; **Division 2** (2nd and 3rd grade) coached by **Murali Krishnamurthi**; and **Division 3** (4th and 5th Grade) coached by **Vandan Kumar Manni and Sai Priya Katikala Prakasam**; as well as **Lipo Thomanna**, the volunteer coordinator for all of the three divisions and **Stephanie Sims**, the Bemis School Staff Coordinator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy commends the **Bemis Elementary School Math Pentathlon Team** for their fine efforts, and extends this token of affection and admiration with which you are regarded in this City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy, joins the citizens of this community in appreciation and celebration of the **Bemis Elementary School Math Pentathlon Team as the 2025 National Math Pentathlon Champions**, a reflection of the strength and spirit of our community.

Presented this 28th Day of July 2025.