

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF
ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL 2019-2020 STUDENT COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, The **Athens High School Student Council** is a very active and dedicated group of 54 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; and

WHEREAS, The **Athens High Student Council** selected **Elli's House**, whose mission is to combat human trafficking in Michigan by providing shelter, mental health services, education & career services to victims and potential victims; 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, ice skating, "Jail-n-Bail," belly flop contest, a Students vs Staff Challenge, hypnosis show, pancake breakfast, coin stalls in the classrooms, film festival, parent cook-off, restaurant nights, volleyball tournament, Mr. Athens Pageant, t-shirt sales, dance, pep rally, a euchre tournament for parents, and an "Espresso Yourself" talent show; and

WHEREAS, **Athens High Student Council** raised a new record of **\$180,024.40 for Elli's House**. They raised **\$130,035.71** in 2019 for Focus Detroit, **\$148,813.77** in 2018 for Detroit Street Care, and the previous school record of **\$155,416.35** in 2017 for the Jenna Kast Believe in Miracles Foundation. In 2016, they raised more than **\$84,100** for the Joan Rose Foundation; and

WHEREAS, **The Student Council** generates excitement throughout the School's 1,600 students as well as within the community. 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; and

WHEREAS, **Students** find out how much money they raised at the Friday Pep Assembly and then celebrate their accomplishment with a final fundraiser dance that evening;

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 29th day of April 2020.