

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF  
KAORI MARIKAWA  
FOR DONATING HER TIME AND TALENTS  
TO HER COMMUNITY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, On March 11, 2020, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared a State of Emergency and issued several orders implementing measures in the State of Michigan that were designed to help prevent the rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 23, 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer Issued Executive Order 2020-21, which temporarily suspended all activities not necessary to sustain or protect life - the Stay Home/Stay Safe Order, making life very challenging and different from what everyone has been used to; and

**WHEREAS**, During these challenging and uncertain times, our Troy Community continues to practice social distancing and residents have been looking out for one another and rallying around one another during this time of need; and

**WHEREAS**, One of Troy's residents, 18-year-old **Kaori Marikawa** felt that because of COVID, most of her neighbors who are older adults, haven't been able to see their children and grandchildren like they used to, making everyone very sad and lonely, and the neighborhood become very quiet and depressed; and

**WHEREAS**, **Kaori** began playing the violin when she was 6 years old and loved it from the very first note. Since school was closed, part of **Kaori's** daily schedule was to practice violin for two hours a day and with the windows open, neighbors started coming to her family's yard to listen to her music whenever she would practice. Some neighbors suggested she play more often outside or on the lake so they could listen, and one neighbor even offered a boat; and

**WHEREAS**, As her **Mom Yoko Marikawa** pedaled the boat, **Kaori** played her own renditions of 'Star-Spangled Banner,' 'Scotland the Brave,' 'Amazing Grace' and 'My Heart Will Go On,' as well as classics such as Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons,' treating her neighbors to their own personal violin concerts. Starting at Pebble Lake where she lives, **Kaori** has now expanded her concerts to the other five lakes within her subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, **Kaori** also works very hard in her studies; this year she received the AP Scholar Award for achieving high scores on five AP exams, and in 2018, she was an intern at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City working for a foreign diplomat. **Kaori** hopes to get into Harvard next year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Troy City Council extends special recognition to Troy resident **Kaori Marikawa** for dedicating her time, talent and love of the violin to bring smiles and happiness to her community by playing the violin on the many lakes within the Emerald Lakes Subdivision; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Troy City Council and all of Troy's residents sincerely thank **Kaori Marikawa** for being a shining example of how to give back to one's community.

**Presented this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2020**