PROCLAMATION
WELCOMING WEEK
SEPTEMBER 12 – 20, 2020

WHEREAS, The City of Troy has long considered itself a city of immigrants, and thrives to be a welcoming and inclusive municipality for all residents to live, work, learn, and play; and

WHEREAS, The City of Troy recognizes how immigrants and refugees contribute to a strong regional economy and a diverse, vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Troy is a city with the second-largest percentage of foreign-born residents in Metro Detroit. The City of Troy is proud of our many Immigrants who call this community home and appreciate their valuable contributions in building and enriching our nation; and

WHEREAS, The City of Troy recognizes the contribution of all individuals to create a vibrant culture, future-ready workforce, and a growing economy to make Oakland County and the southeast Michigan region more prosperous and more inclusive for all who call it home; and

WHEREAS, The 2020 theme for **Welcoming Week is Creating Home Together** which is particularly poignant this year as we all struggle to define what home means to us under increasing COVID-19 restrictions and deepening political divides; and

WHEREAS, The City of Troy recognizes **September 12 – 20, 2020 as Welcoming Week**, a nationwide call for all to come together celebrating and leveraging our differences, and to build a vibrant and connected community where every resident has the opportunity to contribute, thrive, and have a sense of belonging regardless of immigration status, race, ethnicity, place or origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, income, age, or other factors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Troy does hereby proclaim **September 12 – 20, 2020 as Welcoming Week** in the City of Troy and urges all citizens to join us in recognizing this week to celebrate our differences; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council urges all government agencies, organizations, schools, places of worship and individuals in our City to commemorate **Welcoming Week** as a time to come together to celebrate the wonderful things that each of our different cultures and backgrounds bring to the community. The City of Troy is pleased to join the celebration with other communities all over America.

Signed this 14th day of September 2020.