

**PROCLAMATION TO THANK
RANDY NORMAN AND ELI OF TROY MENSWEAR
50 YEARS IN BUSINESS**

WHEREAS, Fifty years ago, **Eli Kurtz** moved his men's clothing store from Royal Oak to the City of Troy at 5067 Rochester Road; and

WHEREAS, **Randy Norman** came to work with **Eli** in 1978. **Eli** taught **Randy** all about being a customer-oriented store, offering quality one-on-one service to the men in Troy and surrounding areas. They built a very loyal customer base, with third and fourth generation customers who wanted to look good and purchase quality, tailored suits. Their philosophy is what's kept **Eli of Troy** in business since 1970; and

WHEREAS, **Randy** bought the store in 1995 when **Eli** retired, and has continued offering tailored suits, along with shirts, ties, shoes, socks and casual sport coats. **Eli of Troy** has been a huge community supporter for many years, including Troy Baseball Boosters and Troy High and Athens High School All-Night Parties, as well as Troy School District sports teams; and

WHEREAS, **Eli of Troy** sold high school varsity jackets; tuxedos for proms and weddings, as well as doing the measurements for Troy's Fire department Class A uniforms. Many Troy employees and generations of residents were loyal customers over the many years **Eli's** was open; and

WHEREAS, A combination of the COVID Pandemic, people working from home, and people not dressing up forced **Randy** to make the tough decision and close **Eli of Troy Menswear** and retire;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy sincerely thank **Randy Norman and Eli Of Troy Menswear for 50 years** of commitment and serving the Troy community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor, City Council and City Management join the citizens of this community in saying a fond farewell to **Randy Norman and Eli of Troy Menswear**, sadly the end of an era for this small Troy business owner, and extends wishes of prosperity, good health and happiness to **Randy** during his well-deserved retirement years.

Presented this 8th day of February 2021.