

SERVICE COMMENDATION FIRE CHIEF DAVID ROBERTS

WHEREAS, At the age of 18, **Dave Roberts** began his volunteer service with the Troy Fire Department at Station 3 in 1978 responding to calls for service and began his career with the City of Troy in 1980 when he was hired as a Police Cadet with the Troy Police Department. He left in 1983 for one year to work as a Communications Supervisor with the Southfield Police Department, and returned to the City of Troy in 1984 as a Communications Supervisor with the Troy Police Department; and

WHEREAS, **Dave** continued his volunteer Firefighter status, serving as Station Lieutenant at Fire Station 3 from 1981-1985. He was responsible for assigned apparatus; training new members on apparatus and equipment operations; and leading/supervising firefighters at fire incidents. In 1982 **Dave** assumed the role of Training Instructor at Fire Station 3, responsible for developing and implementing station training programs for the members and served as Station 3's Captain from 1985-1987; and

WHEREAS, In 1986 **Dave** was hired as a full-time Fire Inspector, performing fire and life safety code enforcement inspections, conducting public fire safety education programs, and helping to implement new department protocols. In 1993 **Dave** was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal with the Troy Fire Department. He was instrumental in the development of additional department protocols; responsible for adopting the 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, and 2012 International Fire Code with local amendments as the City of Troy Fire Prevention Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, **Dave** also implemented fire alarm, fire suppression, hazardous materials, fireworks, occupancy, and special event permitting programs; was instrumental in implementing/adopting false fire alarm local ordinance; and the Fire Department requirements for City Development (Engineering Design) Standards. **Dave** created Fire Explorer Post 911 and coordinated its management with Station 1 Captain Don Hudson; was instrumental in the planning and design of Fire Station #3 with former Staff Lt. Rod Bovensiep; and was instrumental in the first career staff reorganization; and

WHEREAS, In 2015 **Dave** was promoted to the position of Troy's Fire Chief. In this role he oversaw and coordinated ISO re-evaluation efforts; administered the EMS and First Responder medical program; oversaw the budget and construction of new Fire Station #4 with Assistant Chief Hullinger and Staff Lt. Hugg. **Dave** implemented the GPS Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption traffic signal replacement; oversaw design and purchase of two new SLR75 ladder trucks with Assistant Chief Hullinger; implemented TFD Firefighter Memorial at Firefighters Park; initiated the formation of the S.O.F.A. M.A.B.A.S. mutual aid group, comprised of three SE Oakland County fire departments and six area public safety departments; and co-initiated the formation of the T.O.R.R.A. M.A.B.A.S. training group comprised of five eastern Oakland County fire departments; and

WHEREAS, **Dave** received his Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Protection from Madonna University in 1986 and a Master of Science degree from Central Michigan University in Public Administration in 1995. Over his career **Dave** also earned numerous Dispatch and Fire certifications; and

WHEREAS, During his 42 years of career service, **Dave** worked under six City Managers and directed Troy's 180 volunteer and 11 sworn career personnel operating over 30 apparatus and vehicles from 6 stations and the Fire-Police Training Center with a \$6.3 million budget. **Dave** retired as a volunteer Firefighter in 2008 after serving 32 years; and

WHEREAS, **Dave** retired from the City of Troy on February 5, 2021 after 42 years of dedicated service and the utmost respect from the Troy employees, volunteer Firefighters, and countless members of the organizations he served. **Dave** has received commendation awards from both the Troy Police and Fire Departments, merit service awards, safe driving awards, and a station member of the year award in 2009; and

WHEREAS, **Dave** will now enjoy more time with his wife **Susan** (married 32 years on April 22, 2021), daughter **Cecilia**, son **Jonathan**, and daughter-in-law **Bridget**; as well as enjoying his ham radio hobby, traveling, and spending time up north and in Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy take this opportunity to express their appreciation to **Fire Chief Dave Roberts** for his professionalism and his many contributions to the Troy Fire Department for the betterment of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy, City Management, and the citizens of the City of Troy, extends wishes of prosperity, good health and happiness to **Dave** during his well-deserved retirement years.

Presented the 8th day of March 2021.