

**RESOLUTION
TO HONOR THE CITY OF TROY RESIDENTS
WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, The first US citizen to contract the 2019 Novel Coronavirus was identified on January 21, 2020, and had recently traveled from Wuhan, China; and

WHEREAS, On March 10, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the Oakland County Health Division, and Wayne County Health Department announced that two Michigan residents tested presumptive positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the first confirmed cases in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, As of today, more than 524,000 people across the United States have passed away due to the COVID pandemic. Information from the Oakland County Health Department reports that a number of Troy residents have died due to the novel coronavirus since March 2020; and

WHEREAS, People everywhere are finding ways to thank our health care heroes and to honor the victims. There have been tiny flags, empty chairs, lit candles, shining lights, and photos to memorialize the many victims of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, As a Nation, as a City, and as a Community, we must remember in order to heal; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy will hereby honor the Troy residents that lost their lives due to the COVID pandemic by placing white flags on the lawn in front of Troy City Hall; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy encourage our residents to always remember those we have lost due to the COVID pandemic and to give thanks for the lives saved from the virus. The Troy residents we have lost due to COVID are loved ones from our community - mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, and uncles.

Presented this 8th Day of March 2021.