

**PROCLAMATION
DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY
MAY 16, 2021**

WHEREAS, **Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day** was established in 2010 as a way to bring individuals together to spread love and kindness to all neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Founder Starr Valentino created this global-wide effort to unite humanity and has worked tirelessly to spread a message of performing acts of kindness across the United States; and

WHEREAS, During the past year our country has faced difficult times and daunting challenges from a world pandemic to economic turmoil. The vision for **Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day** is to bring everyone closer together even while socially distancing, and

WHEREAS, Our community has always come together spreading love and acts of kindness and this was especially true since the start of the pandemic in March of 2020. Our Troy School District put out the call for their Bridge the Gap program to ensure that no person in Troy went hungry due to loss of jobs and income related to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, We saw so many residents and businesses donating paper products and food which was distributed weekly, serving tens of thousands of daily meals for more than a year now. People volunteer their time and talents to help in any way possible to lend a hand to their Troy neighbors; and

WHEREAS, This past fall, a total of 145 volunteers from Troy and Athens High Schools - Project Lead, Student Council, and National Honor Society, St. Anastasia Catholic Church, Troy Rotary Club, Total Package Hockey Center, MYVA Group, and five Troy families raked 50 yards for seniors without the means to perform this work; and

WHEREAS, From elementary and middle school students coming up with creative ways to help their neighbors to high school students holding their annual Spirit Week to raise money for worthy nonprofit organizations, to a talented young musician playing music from a pedalboat in one of Troy's small lakes to make people smile, to residents sewing masks and caps and restaurants bringing food to our health care heroes, our entire community continues to **Do Something Good for Our Neighbors** each and every day; and

WHEREAS, It is a blessing to have a good neighbor, but it is an even greater blessing to be a good neighbor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby proclaim **May 16, 2021 as Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day in the City of Troy**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we invite all Troy residents to do something good for their neighbor and take a moment out of this day to bring people together through a show of love and care throughout our community.

Presented this 10th day of May 2021.