

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION
OF THE TROY GARDEN CLUB
ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, The Troy Garden Club was established in 1971 to provide an opportunity for members to learn better horticulture practices, promote civic beauty, and conserve natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Troy Garden Club was open to people interested in gardening and those wanting to share their knowledge and experience with others. The club has grown from a modest start with 34 members meeting in each other's homes, to over one hundred members in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Early projects also included an annual flower show and annual garden walks began in 1974. Their annual **Garden Walk** proceeds are used to make horticultural-based donations to local and state nonprofits, as well as scholarships to students of horticulture; and

WHEREAS, Since 1973, **Troy Garden Club** members have given back to their community by beautifying the gardens at many City facilities including City Hall, Troy Public Library, and the Troy Historic Village. The Historic Village's first Herb Garden was planted in 1974 next to the Caswell House; and

WHEREAS, Troy Garden Club members have volunteered as hostesses serving refreshments at the annual Troy Historic Village's Christmas event each December since the 1980's and have also decorated the entire Village for this event since the 1990's; and

WHEREAS, Troy Garden Club members planted the ABC Garden, the Gazebo Garden and moved the Herb Garden next to the Log Cabin at the Historic Village. In 2011 they decided to take over all the garden beds at the Village and transformed it in 2013 to be one of their sites for their annual Garden Walk; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the **Troy Garden Club** also donated funds to seed the Village lawn and provided landscape plants around the Niles-Barnard House and invaluable pro-bono consulting services regarding historically appropriate plants for many Historic Village programs; and

WHEREAS, The **Troy Garden Club** members have planted evergreens, petunias, marigolds, daffodil bulbs, purple mountain grass, and purple leaf canna in the spring in front of the Troy Public Library transforming the entranceway into a breathtaking and delightful sight for visitors; and

WHEREAS, The **Troy Garden Club** was honored in October 2019 with an award from Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc., a non-profit state organization dedicated to promoting beautification, garden clean-up projects, combatting litter, and recycling. The KMB award recognized the efforts of the Club for their work at the Troy Public Library and the Troy Historic Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, That the City Council of the City of Troy takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to the **Troy Garden Club** for their hard work and dedication in beautifying the Troy community; and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, That the Troy City Council, City Management, and the citizens of the City of Troy, congratulate the **Troy Garden Club on their 50th Anniversary** and commend the **Troy Garden Club** for its tradition of promoting civic beauty and extend sincere thanks to all the members for their distinguished service.

Presented This 14th Day of June 2021