

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION
OF THE TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY
ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY
AT THE 510 W. BIG BEAVER LOCATION**

WHEREAS, In 1959, the Troy City Commission appointed a ten-member Library Committee to investigate the possibility of a library for Troy.

WHEREAS, In June 1962, the Friends of the Troy Public Library formed to help collect books and help finance the project. Three months later, in September, the Troy Public Library Reading Room, Troy's first library, opened in two rooms in the Troy High School with a collection of 1,000 books. At this time, Troy had a population of just over 20,000; and

WHEREAS, As the City's population grew, so did the Library's collection. By 1965, the Library outgrew its space in the High School and moved its 2,450 items to a storefront building at 61 East Square Lake Road and Livernois. In 1967, the Library moved into an even bigger location at 5044 Rochester Road, north of Long Lake; and

WHEREAS, By 1970, Troy's population had more than doubled in 10 years, to over 39,000 and the Troy Library collection expanded to 22,282 items; and

WHEREAS, Due to Troy's continuing population boom, the Troy City Commission voted to fund construction for a new permanent library building via 30-year bonds in 1968. The ground breaking for the new Troy Public Library in the Troy Civic Center on Big Beaver and I-75 was on January 24, 1970. Construction continued throughout that year; and

WHEREAS, On **May 16, 1971 the Troy Public Library** opened its doors for the first time to the public. The entire Library stood in the space occupied by the current Youth area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, That the City Council of the City of Troy takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to all of the **Troy Public Library Directors and Staff** for their hard work and dedication in meeting all of the information needs of the Troy community for so many years; and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, That the Troy City Council, City Management, and the citizens of the City of Troy, congratulate the **Troy Public Library on their 50th Anniversary** at their 510 W. Big Beaver Road location and commend the Directors and Staff, past and present, for working diligently to make our Library an important and vital community resource.

Presented This 24th Day of May 2021