

**PROCLAMATION TO CELEBRATE
TROY RESIDENT AND MISS INDIA USA 2021 WINNER
VAIDEHI DONGRE**

WHEREAS, Since 1980, the Miss India USA pageants have provided a platform to empower and encourage women to further their goals while celebrating their Indian heritage; and

WHEREAS, Sixty-one contestants from 30 states competed in the 2021 Miss India USA, Mrs. India USA, and Miss Teen India USA in New Jersey in July 2021; and

WHEREAS, On July 18, 2021, 25-year-old Troy resident and business development manager **Vaidehi Dongre** was crowned **Miss India USA**; and

WHEREAS, **Vaidehi Dongre** is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in International Studies; and

WHEREAS, She also won the Miss Talented Award for her flawless performance of an Indian classical dance form Kathak; and

WHEREAS, **Vaidehi Dongre** strives to be a role-model for young girls and promote women's financial independence and literacy; and

WHEREAS, **Vaidehi Dongre** will represent the United States at the Miss India Worldwide pageant this fall in Mumbai;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby congratulate **Vaidehi Dongre** on her accomplishment in winning the **2021 Miss India USA** competition and wish her the best of luck in the Miss India Worldwide pageant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy invite all residents to celebrate **Vaidehi Dongre's** achievement and thank her for being a great role model for our City and the Indian community.

Presented this 13th day of September 2021