PROCLAMATION TO CELEBRATE FILIPINO AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH OCTOBER 2021

WHEREAS, The heritage of the Filipino people enriches our own culture, and we welcome the history, culture, and contributions of the Filipino American community to our city, state, and the nation. The Filipino American community continues to accomplish its goal to foster understanding through the development, promotion, and preservation of Philippine values, culture, and tradition. These citizens have truly made a difference, and their professional and civic involvement will continue to enrich our communities far into the future; and

WHEREAS, It is our hope that the month of October will bring awareness and admiration to a proud group of our citizens, and through the awareness and contributions between the United States and Philippines as we hope to foster a friendship that will stand the test of time; and

WHEREAS, We also give special recognition to the United States Pinoys 4 Good Governance (USP4GG) Michigan for the many events and activities related to celebrating Filipino American Heritage Month each October. USP4GG is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that represents the advocacy work of Filipino American leaders; and

WHEREAS, During this month, Michigan's Filipino American community will celebrate Filipino Heritage Month through a series of special events featuring their history, food, dance, and art, celebrating the rich tradition and many contributions the Filipino community has made to our community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, We appreciate and honor the countless achievements of **Filipino Americans** and continue our efforts to ensure our community is a welcoming and inclusive place that provides just and equal opportunities for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby proclaim the **Month of October 2021 as Filipino American Heritage Month**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we invite all Troy residents to recognize and celebrate the vital role our Filipino population has played in our Nation's history, as well as their outstanding achievements today and into the future. We applaud our own Troy residents and business owners and celebrate their contributions to our community and beyond.

Presented this 25th day of October 2021.