

**PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING
MAX AND SOPHIA POLLAK
FOR ORGANIZING HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVES TO FEED THE NEEDY**

WHEREAS, Troy residents **Max** (8 years old) and **Sophia Pollak** (10 years old) are third and fifth graders at Hamilton Elementary School and they were truly in the Christmas spirit in 2020 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, **Max and Sophia** when traveling throughout the Metro Detroit area saw people on the side of the road that did not have food and were homeless, and they wanted to find a way to help them; and

WHEREAS, **Max and Sophia** had the idea to start collecting food for the homeless so they started by making flyers and distributing them throughout their neighborhood in December 2020. **Mom Aimee and Dad Todd** agreed to have their home serve as the drop-off location with a collection box on their front porch. In 2020 the brother and sister team collected 2000 pounds of food that they donated to Neighborhood House in Rochester; and

WHEREAS, From December 11, 2021 through January 7, 2022, **Max and Sophia** again spread the word with flyers that they distributed in and around their Long Lake and Coolidge neighborhood about their holiday collection for the homeless. They asked for non-perishable food items, baby food, formula, and diapers. They were even spotlighted on FOX 2 TV which greatly helped their collection efforts; and

WHEREAS, This year's collection, 1,672 pounds of food, was donated to Saint Vincent de Paul Food Bank in Detroit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby applaud and sincerely thank **Max and Sophia Pollak** for organizing a 2020 and a 2021 holiday food drive to help those in need; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy invite all residents to recognize and celebrate the generosity and dedication of **Max and Sophia Pollak**, true heroes in our Troy community.

Presented this 14th Day of February 2022