

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF
ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL 2021-2022 STUDENT COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, The **Athens High School Student Council** is a very active and dedicated group of 53 students and two advisors, committed to giving back to their community as well as the region; and

WHEREAS, Each year the **Athens High Student Council** puts in countless hours, as well as blood, sweat and tears to help raise money for a charity of their choice during Charity Week. Charity Week is all about generosity, activism, collaboration, and service leadership. Students have fun and make meaningful memories while giving of themselves for the benefit of others. Unfortunately, they had to cancel last year's event due to the pandemic, but they came together again this year in full force; and

WHEREAS, The **Athens High Student Council** selected **Alex's Saints Foundation**, a local organization that combats the opioid epidemic with Athens ties. Named in memory of 2013 Athens graduate Alex St. Pierre who passed away from an overdose in 2019, this group raises awareness of this important issue while providing support, narcotic rehabilitation financial assistance, helping families who have a loved one suffering from drug addiction; and

WHEREAS, This year the Athens High Student Council gave back in a way that many teens and even most adults could not do by organizing a full week of activities, including carnival night, ice skating, "Jail-n-Bail," a belly flop contest, hypnosis show, pancake breakfast, coin stalls in the classrooms, film festival, parent cook-off, restaurant nights, a volleyball tournament, Mr. Athens Pageant, a pep rally, a euchre tournament for parents, and an "Espresso Yourself" talent show; and

WHEREAS, **Athens High Student Council raised \$117,706.46 for Alex's Saints**. They raised a school record of **\$180,024.40** in 2020 for Elli's House; **\$130,035.71** in 2019 for Focus Detroit; and **\$148,813.77** in 2018 for Detroit Street Care; and

WHEREAS, The **Student Council** generates excitement throughout the School's 1,600 students as well as within the community. Council meetings take place prior to school starting, and after a full day of classes members stay after school to count the money raised from the day's activities, set up for the night events, run those events, and then go home to complete their homework. There is not a lot of sleep for Student Council members during Charity Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council extends special recognition to the **Athens High School Student Council**, for their selfless and tireless service and dedication to so many worthwhile organizations over the years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council and all of Troy's residents congratulate the **Athens High Student Council** for being a shining example of how to give back to the community, as well as the region, and wish all of the **Athens High School Students** continued success in all future endeavors.

Presented this 25th day of April 2022.