CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION & CONGRATULATIONS ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL 2021-22 JUNIOR VARSITY AND VARSITY WINTER GUARD TEAMS

WHEREAS, The 2022 winter guard season has been the most successful season in school history. The Junior Varsity Team, made up of students 6th through 11th grade, program was entitled "From the Gates of Heaven" set to "Heaven Must Be Missing an Angel" by Tareves; and

WHEREAS, The team proved their hard work and dedication throughout the season. They competed in a Winter Guard International Regional for the first time in school history in March, where they were awarded WGI Regional Champions for their division at the Flint Regional. They placed first in three of their four regular season competitions in the Michigan Color Guard Circuit; and

WHEREAS, Their season ended April 2, 2022, at the State Championships at Saginaw Valley State University. Their performance set a new record for the team and earned them the title of MCGC Regional A Class Champions; and

WHEREAS, Much like Junior Varsity, the Varsity Team's competition season reflected their work ethic and drive for success. Their program was entitled "13" set to "Moonlight Sonata" by Hidden Citizens and told the story of the Apollo 13 Mission. The Varsity team were finalists in the WGI Indianapolis Regional in February, WGI Flint Regional Scholastic A Class Champions in March, and undefeated in every MCGC competition; and

WHEREAS, They competed in MCGC State Championships at SVSU, April 2, 2022, where they were awarded the title of MCGC Scholastic A Class Champions. The team traveled to Dayton, OH to compete in WGI World Championships on April 7 and April 8. While in Dayton they competed against 95 other schools, were semifinalists, and set a new school record; and

WHEREAS, This season was very successful, probably the most successful season they have ever had. Winter Guard Coach Sarah Curran praised the students' hard work and dedication shown at each competition, with Varsity taking first place at all competitions and Junior Varsity taking first at three of their four regular season competitions. The teams worked hard together for their record setting season and State Champions titles; and

WHEREAS, Special commendation is due to Varsity Team Members Ashley Van Kampen, Megan Van Kampen, Abby Dziurman, Allison Diebol, Amelia Bittner, Anna Matichuk, Audrey Brown, Lauren Lazarescu, Emma Cruz, Erin Lee, Macy Kort, Megan Koontz, Arielle Samuel, Audrey Frisen, Ava Derocha, and Robin McKee; Junior Varsity Team Members Jayla Jones, Riya Doshi, L Durham, Abby Aimone, Emily Martinez, Sofiya Makohin, Ava Bunao, Daniella Boufford, Alivia Burch, Haley Bodway, Greta Burt, Maggie Burns, Ella Bunao, Ella Victor, Katie Dzwik, Olivia Cruz, and Vivienne Brown; and Coaches Sarah Curran, Akash Watsa, Davey Gregory, and Tyler Sharpe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy commends the Athens High School 2021-22 Winter Guard Team for their fine efforts, and extends this token of affection and admiration with which you are regarded in this community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy, joins the citizens of this community in appreciation and celebration of the **2021-22 Athens High School Junior Varsity and Varsity Winter Guard Teams**.

Presented this 9th day of June 2022.