

**PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING  
ATHARVA DHARPHALE, ZACHARY BALCOFF, AND ALICIA WANG  
FOR WINNING TOP HONORS  
IN THE 2022 OAKLAND COUNTY FINANCE LITERACY ART CONTEST**

**WHEREAS**, The Oakland County Treasurer's Office has hosted an annual Finance Literacy Arts Contest for the past 11 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland County public high school students were invited to submit 2-D and multi-media/video pieces of art related to the importance of financial empowerment. The contest winners receive cash prizes from a \$10,000 sponsorship by Flagstar Bank; and

**WHEREAS**, The 91 student art submissions included an array of mediums including 2-D (drawing, painting, photography, mixed media and illustration) and video. Entries were judged on creativity, artistic execution, and incorporation of the financial empowerment theme; and

**WHEREAS**, The Oakland County Treasurer's Office announced the 2022 Financial Literacy Arts contest winners in partnership with Oakland Schools, Flagstar Bank, and the Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, **Atharva Dharphale**, a senior at Athens High School, took home the top prize in the 12th grade division with his "Teach a Child to Fish" drawing. Troy High School junior **Zachary Balcoff** won the 11th grade top prize with his "Beyond the Bank" drawing, and Athens High School sophomore **Alicia Wang** earned the 10th grade's top prize with her "Reality of Debt" drawing;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby applaud and congratulate **Atharva Dharphale, Zachary Balcoff, and Alicia Wang** on winning top honors for their grade levels in the 2022 Oakland County Finance Literacy Art Contest; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy invite all residents to recognize and celebrate the talent and creativity of Troy School District students **Atharva Dharphale, Zachary Balcoff, and Alicia Wang**.

**Presented this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2022**