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 12th Day of September 2022