

## **PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING THE MICHIGAN YOUTH VOLUNTEERING ALLIANCE**

**WHEREAS**, The **Michigan Youth Volunteering Alliance (MYVA)** is a group of aspiring individuals aiming to bring a positive change to the lives of citizens in their communities and to motivate other youth to do the same; and

**WHEREAS**, **MYVA** provides many volunteering opportunities for young people ages 8-17 and sincerely wish to inspire as many people as possible to contribute to the same causes, and to help **Michigan Youth Volunteering Alliance** expand and improve society; and

**WHEREAS**, From Sept 2020, the **MYVA** members successfully volunteered for 448 hours. They are a proud recipient of the Heartwarming project grant from Youth Service America and recipients of National Community Service Awards – Ambassador Awards; and

**WHEREAS**, Projects the **MYVA** members worked on in 2020 included Troy Nature Center fall clean-up, animal rescue donation drive, can and bottle drive, Meals on Wheels deliveries, raking leaves for seniors, putting together Care House DIY cleaning kits, virtual tutoring, Treats for Troops, and virtual reading to children; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2021 the **MYVA** members delivered supplies to animal shelters, conducted food donation drives, delivered food to local food banks including Gleaners and Forgotten Harvest, held a toy wrapping event, adopted a road clean-up, raked leaves for seniors, delivered Meals on Wheels, participated in Global Youth Day by holding a food drive for Zaman International and completing a Hershey's Grant project, collected candy for soldiers, and wrapped toys for children with cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2022 the **MYVA** members continued with delivering Meals on Wheels, held a winter coat drive, and will continue with many additional projects throughout the rest of this year. **MYVA** also provides financial literacy programs for their members to promote financial responsibility and independence among youth. Participants learn how to manage a checking account, create a budget, save and invest, start small businesses and pay for college; and

**WHEREAS**, Special recognition, sincere thanks and commendation is due to **MYVA Members Bhuvan Ashokumar, Ashna Atukuri, Siddhant Bhirud, Sharvayu Chavan, Yamen Fargaly, Atul Ganesh, Anna George, Nidhi Ikkurthy, Niya Ikkurthy, Aahana Jain, Jay Jayadeep, Rebecca Johnson, Akhil Kadari, Neel Kariat, Kevin Mathews, Vishnu Nair, Saran Nimmagadda, Prisha Pachpande, Akshara Palanisamy, Akshaya Palanisamy, Karthik Prasant, Akshaya Rachamadugu, Adhvaith Rajanish, Dennis Sebastian, Varin Senthil, Arin Soni, Armaan Soni, Ayush Sundaram, Niveda Suresh, Nivin Suresh, Natalie Tallu, Tara Tallu, Krishna Thotakura, Kalyani Velayudham, and Sanika Vemali;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby applaud and congratulate the **Michigan Youth Volunteering Alliance members** for their dedication to making our world a better place by donating their time and talents to many local non-profit organizations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy invite all residents to recognize and celebrate the commitment and dedication of the **Michigan Youth Volunteering Alliance** and thank them for all they have done and will continue to do for the Troy Community and beyond.

**Presented this 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of October 2022**