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Global Troy Advisory Committee

Statement Regarding Global Conflicts

February 23, 2024

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

The Global Troy Advisory seeks to increase the City of Troy's cultural competence through cultural knowledge, awareness and sensitivity, to assist with the promotion of cultural diversity and inclusion, and to enhance community connections.

Members of the Global Troy Advisory Committee hope that the Troy City Council can affirm the following statement regarding global conflicts and actions that promote peace and harmony through the citizenry of the City of Troy.

In recognition that the City of Troy, Michigan, is one of the most diverse cities in the United States of America, Troy is committed to the well-being of its residents, maintaining a vibrant, safe, and diverse community, and firmly condemns violence against civilians of any background, faith, or ethnicity.

Many of our Troy residents are being affected by the numerous armed conflicts in the world today, whether it is their families overseas who are in the middle of it or through social media coverage- be it biased or unbiased from the ground- which is accessible almost instantaneously that can lead to a response that might not be based in facts. Yet, there is the undisputed fact that in all conflicts there is always the loss of innocent civilian lives on both sides. The tragic, unnecessary deaths of children, or the physical or emotional injuries that the children endure as a result of living in a conflict area on both sides is unacceptable to us.

In promoting peace and harmony within our community, we encourage the Citizens of Troy to engage in at least one, if not all, of the following actions:

- 1) To hold in their thoughts the safety of the innocent people that find themselves in the middle of violence and hate;
- 2) To hold in their thoughts all injured by hate and violence;
- 3) To perform acts of kindness in all the places where life brings them promoting peace; and
- 4) To donate either their time or resources – or both- to charities that strive to spread peace or work to ensure the protection of innocent people that find themselves in the middle of violence and hate.

As there has been a rise of both Islamophobia and anti-Semitic actions throughout the country, We ask all citizens to talk with and engage in conversations that will restore the bridges of friendship



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that have been damaged by preconceived notions fed by news cycles and self-imposed echo chambers where only one-sided dialogue promotes an us-vs-them mindset.

We hope that this statement will remind all the people in the City of Troy, Michigan, that they can make a difference for good when their actions promote good will and harmony. The City of Troy can set an example for the State of Michigan by calling for peace and becoming a hope that spreads from one person to another, until all are affected for good.

The Global Troy Advisory Committee will work diligently with the city government, community organizations, faith groups and ethnic communities to continue its efforts in making Troy a more welcoming, inclusive, and culturally competent community.

Sincerely,

Members of the Global Troy Advisory Committee