

**PROCLAMATION TO CELEBRATE TROY RESIDENTS
HALO CAEZO, KYLE WINNIE, VIKTORIA CHERNOLUTSKIY, AND SOPHIA DEROCHA
ON THEIR EXCEPTIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE SPORT OF TAEKWONDO**

WHEREAS, The Taekwondo community in the United States is abuzz with excitement as four outstanding athletes emerge as frontrunners in their groups, positioning themselves as top contenders on the national stage; and

WHEREAS, Halo Caezo , National Athlete of the Year and a freshman at Troy High School, is a force to be reckoned with. Ranked number one in North and South America, she clinched victory at the prestigious Pan American Series Competition in Costa Rica, securing a gold medal. Not only is she a back-to-back member of the USA National Team, but she will also represent our nation at the upcoming event in Mexico, showcasing her exceptional skills once again on an international stage; and

WHEREAS, Joining Halo in Mexico is fellow national team member Kyle Winnie , ranked number one in the nation, whose remarkable talent and dedication have earned him a spot among the country's elite Taekwondo athletes. Together, they aim to demonstrate the strength and prowess of Everest Taekwondo on the global stage. Kyle is a sixth grader at Parkway Christian School; and

WHEREAS, Viktoria Chernolutskiy's meteoric rise to prominence within the Taekwondo community is nothing short of remarkable. Securing her place on the 2024 USA National Team with a stunning victory at the Team Trials, she is poised to represent the USA at the Junior World Taekwondo Championship in Korea later this year. As a testament to her exceptional skills and unwavering determination, the junior at Troy's International Academy, Viktoria not only qualified for the World Taekwondo Championships, but also made history as the first junior (15-17-year-old age bracket) in the State of Michigan to achieve this prestigious milestone; and

WHEREAS, To showcase her dominance in the sport, Sophia Derocha , an eighth grader at Larson Middle School, hailed as the 2023 USA National Champion in the Cadet +58kg division. Her triumph at the national level underscores her talent and potential as she continues to excel on her Taekwondo journey; and

WHEREAS, Adding to the prestige of the team is Anmol Gorkhali , 2023 National Coach of the Year, current AAU National Team Coach, and the youngest in the history of Taekwondo in the USA. His guidance and leadership will undoubtedly play a crucial role as the team heads to Mexico to compete against the best in the world; and

WHEREAS, As these four exceptional athletes gear up to represent the United States on the international stage, they embody the spirit of excellence and determination that defines American Taekwondo. Their achievements serve as inspiration to aspiring athletes nationwide, highlighting the boundless possibilities that await those who dare to dream and strive for greatness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby congratulate Halo Caezo, Kyle Winnie, Viktoria Chernolutskiy , and Sophia Derocha for working tirelessly to excel in the sport of Taekwondo, bringing pride and positive recognition to the City of Troy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy invite all residents to celebrate Halo Caezo, Kyle Winnie, Viktoria Chernolutskiy, and Sophia Derocha's achievements; wish them much success in all future endeavors; and thank them for being a great role model for our community and exceptional advocate for the sport of Taekwondo.

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