

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF
ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL 2023-2024 STUDENT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, The Athens High School Student Council is a very active and dedicated group of 53 students and one advisor, committed to giving back to their community as well as the region; and

WHEREAS, Each year the Athens High Student Council puts in countless hours, as well as blood, sweat and tears to help raise money for a charity of their choice during Charity Week. Charity Week is all about generosity, activism, collaboration, and service leadership. Students have fun and make meaningful memories while giving of themselves for the benefit of others; and

WHEREAS, The Athens High Student Council selected Love for a Child, a local organization founded in 2012 that serves children, youth, and families within Michigan's foster care system. The group focuses on helping children who have experienced trauma in the forms of abuse, abandonment, and neglect; and

WHEREAS, This year the Athens High Student Council gave back in a way that many teens and even most adults could not do by organizing a full week of activities, including carnival night, "Community Quest" scavenger hunt, ice skating, "Jail-n-Bail," belly flop contest, hypnosis show, pancake breakfast, coin stalls in the classrooms, film festival, parent cook-off, restaurant nights, volleyball tournament, Mr. Athens Pageant, pep assembly, dance, euchre tournament for parents, and an "Espresso Yourself" talent show; and

WHEREAS, Athens High Student Council raised \$166,439.53 for Love for a Child. In 2023 they raised \$115,184.24 for Carol's Angels and Warriors; and in 2022 they raised \$117,706.46 for Alex's Saints Foundation. They raised a school record of \$180,024.40 in 2020 for Elli's House; and \$130,035.71 in 2019 for Focus Detroit; and

WHEREAS, The Athens Student Council generates excitement throughout the School's 1,600 students as well as within the community. Student Council meetings take place prior to school starting, and after a full day of classes members stay after school to count the money raised from the day's activities, set up for the night events, run those events, and then go home to complete their homework. There is not a lot of sleep for Student Council members during Charity Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council extends special recognition to the Athens High School Student Council, for their selfless and tireless service and dedication to so many worthwhile organizations over the years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council and all of Troy's residents congratulate the Athens High Student Council for being a shining example of how to give back to the community, as well as the region, and wish all of the Athens High School Students continued success in all future endeavors.

Presented this 8th day of April 2024.