

**PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 4037
AND COMMANDER TODD WODZINSKI**

WHEREAS, The City of Troy proudly recognizes and honors Troy's DeWolfe-Dreon-Lukowski Jr. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4037 of Troy for its unwavering commitment to the noble mission entrusted to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America; and.

WHEREAS, Founded in 1899, the VFW upholds a tradition of service, advocacy, and solidarity among veterans who have served their nation in conflicts abroad, ensuring that their valor and sacrifice are forever enshrined in the heart of our nation; and.

WHEREAS, The Troy VFW Post 4037 exemplifies this legacy, fostering camaraderie among veterans and extending its outreach through scholarships, recognitions, and unfaltering support to the community. Your endeavors, such as the Kenny Evancho VFW Scholarship and the CPT James Ahn Memorial Scholarship, are beacons of hope, illuminating paths to a brighter future for our youth; and

WHEREAS, This year, we commemorate the extraordinary milestones of Troy VFW Post 4037: the prestigious All American Post title, exemplary growth in membership, and the national acclaim of your dedicated leaders. These achievements are a true reflection of your guiding principles—honoring service, caring for veterans and their families, and promoting a positive image of the VFW; and

WHEREAS, We also salute Commander Todd Wodzinski for his dedicated recruitment efforts, winning the national recruiting title for Division 8 with 95 new members. Your goal is to recruit eight more new members before May 31 and VFW Post 4037 will be the first post to gain 200% membership (double its size) since the Vietnam war. This will ensure that the Post will win the National Commanders recruiting challenge and win an official sabre to commemorate this achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy extends special recognition to VFW Post 4037 and Commander Todd Wodzinski for your commitment to the welfare of veterans and their families, your contributions to the community, and your advocacy for the rights and respect of those who have served our country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude and reflects the profound respect that the VFW commands. Troy VFW Post 4037, in its diligent service and advocacy, embodies this gratitude in action.

Presented this 20th day of May 2024.