

**PROCLAMATION TO CELEBRATE
DOMINIC PICANO & PICANO'S ITALIAN GRILLE
90 YEARS OLD AND 40 YEARS IN BUSINESS 1985 – 2025**

WHEREAS, 2025 marks a monumental year for **Dominic Picano**. He turned **90 years old** on March 30 and his restaurant, **Picano's Italian Grille** celebrates **40 years** in business in the City of Troy; and

WHEREAS, Dominic arrived from Cassino, Italy, 80 miles south of Rome, in 1949 when he was just 14 years old with a passion for food. **Dominic's** father brought his family of eight children to America, where he wanted them to get an education. Unfortunately, in June 1949, his Dad was killed in a factory explosion so Dominic could no longer pursue an education. Instead, he had to work to support his family and never graduated from high school; and

WHEREAS, Dominic always had a passion for business, buying chickens at Great Scott's for \$.17 cents a pound for Greg's Pizza that he bought in 1963 on the west side of Detroit. But his true longing was to open an authentic Italian restaurant with old-world recipes using the finest ingredients. In 1985, **Picano's Italian Grille** opened, providing a true Italian dining experience. His employees talk about his strong work ethic and dedication. He loves to teach others and mentor them to always do the right thing in the food business; and

WHEREAS, Homemade is the essential ingredient. **Picano's** specializes in house-made ravioli, gnocchi, lasagna, and garlic rolls, as well as many other specialty dishes created by his acclaimed chefs. The extensive wine list features some of the most exquisite wines from Italy, Napa Valley, and countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, Picano's is a great place for a date night, to bring the family or even to have a special event take place in their banquet rooms. Whatever the case may be, know that as a guest of **Dominic Picano** and his family, you will taste the very essence of Italy and a lot of love in all of their dishes; and

WHEREAS, Dominic and his wife Brenda worked together at **Picano's** and celebrated 48 years of marriage before she passed on April 13, 2019. They have three children, who also work with him at the restaurant, Cristina, Tina, and Tim; and seven grandchildren, Karly, Candice, Autumn, Dominic, Giuliana, Alessandro, and Gabriella;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby congratulate **Dominic Picano on his 90th Birthday and Picano's Italian Grille on its 40th anniversary** in business; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor, City Council and City Management join the citizens of this community in celebration of the **40th anniversary of Picano's Italian Grille at 3775 Rochester Road** and look forward to it being part of Troy for many more years to come, offering delicious homemade Italian cuisine.

Presented this 7th day of April 2025