

SERVICE COMMENDATION COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DIRECTOR CYNTHIA “CINDY” STEWART

WHEREAS, In April of 1998, **Cynthia “Cindy” Stewart** joined the City of Troy as its first ever Community Affairs Director. Cindy joined the Troy team with several years of municipal experience, having served the City of Dearborn as the Resources and Information Director from 1995 to 1998 and the City of Novi as the Director of Public Information from 1988 to 1995. Cindy’s career was supported by her Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism/Public Relations from Madonna University, her Masters of Communications degree from Eastern Michigan University, and her commitment to improving the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, **Cindy’s** dedication to the Troy community was highlighted through her day-to-day duties and the legacy of the Community Affairs Department. As the first ever Community Affairs Director for the City of Troy, Cindy established events that are now longstanding traditions, such as the Holiday Tree Lighting; coordinated countless States of the City; established the City’s Farmers Market and Summer Concert Series; and penned 27 years’ worth of City content, which now serves as part of the City’s written history. Cindy was also instrumental in coordinating the Government Cable Television Channel, which is another key communications tool for the City. In the 27 years Cindy served the City of Troy, she worked with several City Managers, six Mayors and countless City Council members; and

WHEREAS, **Cindy’s** work with the City of Troy expanded beyond her position as Community Affairs Director, she also worked dozens of elections and continues to be a board member on the Police and Fire Benevolent Association. **Cindy** is always willing to lend a helping hand, and this commitment to service truly shined in her time with the City of Troy; and

WHEREAS, Beyond **Cindy’s** work for the City of Troy, she is/was also a dedicated volunteer with the Troy Historical Society, Troy People Concerned, Troy Youth Assistance, the Boys & Girls Club of Troy, the Troy Community Coalition, the Charles A. Main, MD Pediatric Cancer Survivor Scholarship Fund Committee, the Troy School District Diversity & Inclusion Council, local Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Walks, the Emerald Lakes Homeowners Association, and 52-4 District Court; and

WHEREAS, It is because of **Cindy’s** volunteer work and the community connection she fostered for the City of Troy as the Community Affairs Director that she was honored as the Troy Distinguished Citizen of 2013 and a member of the “Women of Influence” Roundtable in 2023; and

WHEREAS, **Cindy** retired from the City of Troy on August 22, 2025, with her final event being the Thornetta Davis Concert for the Summer Concert Series. In her retirement, Cindy plans to spend time with family, continue to travel the world, enjoy her lake with her paddleboard, and remain an avid yoga practitioner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy take this opportunity to express their appreciation to **Community Affairs Director Cindy Stewart** for her professionalism and her many contributions to the City of Troy for the betterment of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy, City Management, and the citizens of the City of Troy, extend wishes of prosperity, good health and happiness to **Cindy** during her well-deserved retirement years.

Presented this 25th day of August 2025