

**PROCLAMATION
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
TONY'S PIZZERIA & FAMILY RESTAURANT**

WHEREAS, **Tony's Pizzeria and & Family Restaurant** was founded on June 15, 1961 by **owners Oriano Nieri and his sister Flora Frank**. Named for their father, who loaned them the money to buy the building, the owners took in \$18 for their first 12 hours of work; and

WHEREAS, In 1961, Dequindre was a two-lane blacktop road, and **Tony's Pizzeria** had 36 seats, a sliding glass door to watch the cook flip the pizzas, five employees and a limited menu of pizza, pasta, salad and chicken; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, the new **Tony's** was built next to the old location at **34781 Dequindre**. With a full kitchen, seating for up to 90 and over 14 employees, the menu boasts pizza, pasta, specialty dishes, steak, chicken, salad, sandwiches, kids menu and desserts. In 1991, they obtained a Class C Liquor License; and

WHEREAS, Through the years the **Nieri Family** has accumulated a wide variety of stories, loyal employees and faithful customers, who keep coming back for the great food and fabulous customer service; and

WHEREAS, **Tony's grandson and current owner Danny Nieri** purchased Tony's in 1998 to carry on the family tradition of great food and excellent customer service. Tony's is a long-time and loyal sponsor for the Troy Baseball Boosters, recognized as TBB's number one sponsor for 39 years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Troy City Council does hereby congratulate **Tony's Pizzeria & Family Restaurant on its 50th Anniversary** and recognizes its impact upon our community in providing authentic Italian cuisine and delicious pizza, as well as being a generous contributor and sponsor to many worthwhile organizations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council joins the citizens of this community in appreciation and celebration of **Tony's Pizzeria & Family Restaurant's 50th Anniversary**.

Presented this 15th day of June 2011.