

Service Commendation
SAM LAMERATO

WHEREAS, After graduating from the MOTECH Automotive Education Center, **Sam Lamerato** began his career with the City of Troy in September 1974 as a service person and quickly moved through the roles of mechanic, leader, heavy equipment mechanic and foreman. In 1982 he was promoted to his current position of Superintendent of Fleet Maintenance; and

WHEREAS, The City of Troy has been honored to have **Sam** as a dedicated employee. The City of Troy has a population of 80,980 and encompasses 36 square miles. **Sam** oversees a fleet operation with over 500 pieces of equipment, including 90 police vehicles, 36 fire apparatus, and 56 pieces of snow removal equipment. Troy's Fleet Division maintains a two-shift operation in two locations with 17 employees; and

WHEREAS, **Sam** has been an active member of the American Public Works Association (APWA) since 1982 and is the Michigan Chapter APWA Co-chair of Education. He also founded the SE Oakland County Motor Pool Association in 1983; was President of SE Oakland County Superintendents Association in 2000; and Equipment Maintenance Council Vice-President for 2001/2002; and

WHEREAS, Nationally **Sam** has been appointed APWA Fleet Services Committee Chairperson for 2002/2004 and was appointed to the Chrysler Fleet Advisory Council in 2004. **Sam** received the Michigan APWA 2005 Professional Manager of the Year – Fleet Management Award in recognition of his outstanding career service achievements of public sector fleet management, operation, and maintenance and for exceptional performance in fleet maintenance education; and

WHEREAS, The City of Troy Fleet Division was named the **Third Best Fleet in North America** in October 2006 and **Sam** received the APWA Certified Public Fleet Professional Certification (CPFP) in September 2007; and

WHEREAS, The City of Troy Fleet Division was named the Top 20 of the 100 Best Fleet in North America in June 2008 & 2009 and received the Blue Seal of Excellence from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence 2004 – 2010, the only municipal repair facility in Michigan to receive the award; and

WHEREAS, 2010 and 2011 were monumental years for **Sam Lamerato and Troy's Fleet Division**. The City of Troy's Fleet was named the **Top 100 Best Fleet in North America** in June, 2010 and in August, 2010 **Sam received the APWA's Professional Manager of the Year - Public Fleet**. In April 2011 **Sam** was named as a top three finalist for the Government Fleet Magazine - Public Sector Fleet Manager of the year. **In June 2011 Sam was named Government Fleet Magazine - Public Sector Fleet Manager of the year and Troy's Fleet was named the Top 100 Best Elite Fleet in North America**; and

WHEREAS, **Sam retired from the City of Troy on June 30, 2011 after 38 years of dedicated service**; and

WHEREAS, **Sam** will now enjoy more time with **Meg**, his wife of 36 years; son **Sam**; daughter **Amanda**, son-in-law **Greg**, and grandchildren **Grace and Owen**; daughter **Sarah**, son-in-law **David**, and grandchildren **Alex & Amelia**; as well as find time for restoring his 1966 Ford Mustang, traveling, fishing and home improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, That the City Council of the City of Troy takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to **Sam Lamerato** for his many contributions to the betterment of the City; and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN That the City Council of the City of Troy, on behalf of themselves, City management, and the citizens of the City of Troy, extends wishes of prosperity, good health and happiness to **Sam** during his retirement years.

Presented the 11th day of July 2011.