

**PROCLAMATION  
CULTURAL DIVERSITY MONTH  
APRIL 9 – MAY 7, 2005**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Troy is proud of the numerous cultures and faiths woven through the rich fabric of our City; and

**WHEREAS**, The strength of our nation and our City is in our diversity as much as our unity and all people, no matter what our heritage, customs or native language, can benefit and learn from one another; and

**WHEREAS**, Our community is blessed with a diverse population speaking a total of 83 different languages and celebrating their spirituality at 58 Places of Worship; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Troy's Ethnic Issues Advisory Board was created in 2003 with a mission to promote an environment enriched by harmonious relationships and open communication within our multicultural community through education and cultural exchange; and

**WHEREAS**, The Ethnic Issues Advisory Board will promote awareness and acceptance of diversity in our community and work to embrace our rich and varied cultural community through programs, workshops, networking resources, dialogues and other efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, The Sights & Sounds series has provided citizens the opportunity to learn and explore the cultures of their neighbors and friends promoting a greater understanding and appreciation of our differences and similarities and on April 9 the Ethnic Issues Advisory Board will sponsor **Sights and Sounds of the World** at the Troy Community Center from 12 – 4 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, The Troy Community Coalition sponsors an annual Faith Community Prayer Breakfast on Friday, May 6<sup>TH</sup> at St. Nicholas Social Hall and encourages all residents to attend this nondenominational event to bring together all people of different backgrounds and affiliations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That **April 9 – May 7, 2005** is hereby proclaimed as **Cultural Diversity Month in the City of Troy**.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the City of Troy urges all citizens to observe this week by joining members of all cultures and faiths to celebrate and enhance the understanding and appreciation for the diversity of our citizens.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2005