

**SERVICE COMMENDATION  
FOR MERITORIOUS ACTION  
AARON KOLLIN**

**WHEREAS**, The Kollin family was on vacation in Ohio visiting family members in August, 2011. Mom Lucy was watching their two sons in the swimming pool while Dad Adam was taking a nap and seven-year-old daughter Wendy was inside the house; and

**WHEREAS**, Lucy swam into the deep end of the pool and ran into trouble. She got a mouthful of water, started to choke and went below the water's surface, inhaling more water. Lucy lost control of her body, froze and thought she was going to die; and

**WHEREAS**, While Lucy and Adam's five-year-old son Alex was running in circles, screaming "Mommy is drowning," their nine-year-old son **Aaron**, a fourth grader at Hill Elementary School, knew he had to do something so he jumped in the pool to help his Mom; and

**WHEREAS**, **Aaron** first swam to the bottom of the pool and tried to push his Mom to the surface. He then swam back to the surface grabbing a floating device for her to grab onto, but she could not move her hand to grab it; and

**WHEREAS**, **Aaron** put his arm around his Mom and started to tread water to keep her afloat and then started to swim with her to the shallow end. When they got into shallow water he helped her out of the pool; and

**WHEREAS**, A catastrophe was avoided because of **Aaron's** skillful and quick response when his Mom was drowning. **Aaron's** clear-headed action saved the Kollin family from disaster;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN**, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy take this opportunity to express their appreciation to **Aaron Kollin** in recognition of his meritorious action in saving his Mom's life; and

**BE IT FURTHER KNOWN**, That this courageous action in averting what could have been a tragic loss to the Kollin family was an act of heroism which deserves special recognition by the Troy Mayor and City Council and the entire Troy community. **Aaron's** heroism is a credit to himself, his family, and the City of Troy.

Presented the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012.