

**RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY OF TROY
SUPPORT MAKING K2/SPICE ILLEGAL
AND BAN THE SALE OF K2/SPICE**

WHEREAS, Recent hospitalizations and deaths related to K2, or Spice, have prompted area groups and police departments to raise public awareness on the dangers of the drug; and

WHEREAS, In Troy, Police recently responded to a report of a 15-year-old girl "freaking out" in a park after smoking K2, arrested a 19-year-old driving under the influence of K2 and discovered a teen hiding in the trunk of a car and smoking K2; and

WHEREAS, Several groups in Michigan – including the Troy and Clawson Police Departments and Community Coalitions have organized informational sessions aimed at educating residents about K2/Spice; and

WHEREAS, K2/Spice is a dried herbal blend sprayed with an analgesic chemical, creating a high similar to marijuana, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Administration; and

WHEREAS, The herbal essence is sold in Michigan stores as incense and side effects include heart palpitations, respiratory issues, panic attacks, hallucinations, delusions, vomiting and increased agitation; and

WHEREAS, Spice and K2 does not show up on a regular drug test, law enforcement must use a special test to have it show up positive. The substance has risen in popularity among teens because it is legal and very accessible, being sold at liquor stores and gas stations; and

WHEREAS, Michigan State Rep. George Darany (D-Dearborn) introduced legislation aimed to combat the sale and use of synthetic marijuana in the State of Michigan. This proposal comes after many local communities have rallied to have Spice banned; and

WHEREAS, A law to make K2 and other synthetic drugs illegal has been passed by both the US Senate and the US House of Representatives. Congress will send the law to the President's desk on July 4;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy support the proposed legislature to make K2/Spice illegal and banned from local stores and gas stations; and

Signed this 4th day of June, 2012