

Proclamation
Friends of the Troy Public Library
2011 Baker & Taylor Award Recipient and
Outstanding Friends of Michigan Libraries Award Recipient

WHEREAS, The **Friends of the Troy Public Library** were founded in 1958 as a non-profit organization to promote and support the Troy Public Library; and

WHEREAS, The **Friends of the Troy Public Library** are one of three Friends organizations nationwide that have been recognized with the *2011 Baker & Taylor Awards* from the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations, a division of the American Library Association for their outstanding efforts to support their library; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of Michigan Libraries also selected the **Friends of the Troy Public Library** as the 2011 Outstanding Friends of the Library (Class IV-VI); and

WHEREAS, The **Friends of the Troy Public Library** were chosen for their efforts in “carrying out an outstanding project or activity that had significant impact on their Library’s service to the community;” and

WHEREAS, The **Friends** won these two prestigious awards for “the successful activities that the **Friends** carried out that saved the Troy Public Library from closing,” and for working to ensure the continued operations of the Library for the next five years. The awards were based on the scope of the group’s activities and judged on planning, implementation, evaluation, innovation and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, The **Friends** understand the importance of well-funded libraries and advocate that our Library has the support it needs to provide a wide variety of services for all ages. The **Friends** have generated resources for much needed equipment, summer reading programs for children, Job Seekers classes, computer classes, Special Needs Collection, cultural and book programs and special events throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, The **Friends** continue to promote and support the Troy Public Library’s essential role as a valued community asset in Troy by fostering library initiatives through advocacy, volunteer assistance and fundraising;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby congratulate the **Friends of the Troy Public Library** for being recipients of the 2011 Baker & Taylor Award and the Friends of Michigan Libraries 2011 Outstanding Friends of the Library Award, and thank them for their efforts to save the Library and their continued work to keep the Library a vibrant and active place in the heart of our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council invite all Troy residents to recognize their awards and encourage everyone to support the **Friends** through membership, by shopping the Friends Shop and Book Shop, and attending the many wonderful Library programs offered thanks to the **Friends of the Troy Public Library**.

Presented this 18th day of June 2012.