

**PROCLAMATION  
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS  
ST. AUGUSTINE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**WHEREAS**, Pastor John Monson started **St. Augustine Lutheran Church** on farm land in Troy to meet the religious needs of the community in the early 1960's; and

**WHEREAS**, Back then far fewer residents lived in Troy than do so today. But Pastor John worked hard, knocked on doors, and gathered together a small flock to start the new church; and

**WHEREAS**, The first services for **St. Augustine Lutheran Church** took place in the old Troy High School. By 1963 they built a place of their own in which to worship, and that sanctuary has been in continuous use since that time; and

**WHEREAS**, In the 1970's, Troy started to go through a population explosion. This small country town turned into a big suburban city. As Troy grew, so did **St. Augustine Lutheran Church** and a small building addition was constructed in 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, The much larger addition was built in 1994 that added classrooms and a fellowship hall. Countless children, youth, and adults have learned about the Lord in these rooms; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2005, Pastor John Monson passed the baton off to his son, Pastor Paul Monson; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the years, Troy has gone from being a small country town to a big suburban city to a multi-cultural metropolis. Over eighty different languages are spoken in Troy today. As **St. Augustine Lutheran Church** celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Church faces a new challenge to reach those who come from so many different nations with love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Troy City Council does hereby congratulate **St. Augustine Lutheran Church on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** and recognizes its impact upon not only its membership, but on the entire community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the City Council joins the citizens of this community in appreciation and celebration of **St. Augustine Lutheran Church's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** as they enter into their future with dedication to both their faith and expanding their ministry in our community and beyond.

Presented this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2012.