

**PROCLAMATION  
CITY OF TROY -- TREE CITY USA**

**WHEREAS**, The **City of Troy** has been certified as a **Tree City USA** for 22 years through the National Arbor Day Foundation and this prestigious certification proves the City of Troy is dedicated to the future of its urban forest; and

**WHEREAS**, The **City of Troy** wishes to acknowledge that **Troy's** urban forest reduces noise, air pollution, energy costs, reflected light, flooding, stabilizes soils, sequesters carbon, provides habitat for wildlife and improves the overall quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS**, It is in the interest of all to plant and protect trees; and

**WHEREAS**, In conjunction with the Arbor Day celebration the **City of Troy** will plant one tree within a City park. In the past the funds used to purchase this tree have been donated by the Troy Garden Club.

**WHEREAS**, **Troy** desires to be recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and wishes to continue its tree planting ways;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Troy City Council hereby **PROCLAIMS** **May 3, 2013, May 2, 2014, and May 1, 2015 as Arbor Day in the City of Troy**, and urges all citizens to support our City's urban forestry program and to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2012.