PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE L. BROOKS PATTERSON

WHEREAS, Governing Magazine named L. Brooks Patterson as one of the Public Officials of the year for 2013; and

WHEREAS, **Governing Magazine** wrote that 'Government at its best is about creating opportunities for all. Strong leadership means providing every citizen – everyone, in every community – with the chance to grow, prosper and thrive'; and

WHEREAS, L. Brooks Patterson definitely knows the value of using government to help citizens. He is transforming Oakland County and southeast Michigan with his vision and no-nonsense leadership. His mission is to make Oakland County one of the best places to live, work, play and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, In his sixth four-year term as chief executive officer of one of America's most affluent and progressive counties, **Brooks** presides over a $776 million annual budget for FY2013 and a county workforce of nearly 4,000 full and part time benefit eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, During the 20 years of **Brooks'** administration, Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's have awarded Oakland County its coveted AAA bond rating for its prudent fiscal policies and success in transforming Oakland County's economy from a manufacturing to a knowledge-based economy; and

WHEREAS, **Brooks** has launched a number of innovative programs including a Three Year Budget; Emerging Sectors; Medical Main Street; Automation Alley; Oakland County International Airport "Green Terminal;" The Brooksie Way; Cloud Computing; Arts, Beats & Eats; and Health Care Cost Containment Initiative. He recently launched a new website to match people looking for job skills training with trade schools in the region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council extends special recognition to **Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson,** as one of the Governing Magazine's Public Officials of the Year for 2013, and thanks him for his leadership in job growth, especially in the technology sector; and setting a positive example to the Oakland County communities by implementing a rolling three-year budget plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council and all of Troy's residents congratulate **Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson** for being such a tireless leader for Oakland County and wish him continued success in all future endeavors.

Presented this 13th day of January 2014.