

**PROCLAMATION
RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK
FEBRUARY 10 - 16, 2014**

WHEREAS, The City of Troy is committed to celebrating the role simple acts of kindness plays in encouraging authentic, caring connections in schools, organizations and communities; and

WHEREAS, **February 10-16, 2014** is recognized internationally as **Random Acts of Kindness Week**, a time to remind everyone of the positive effects of kindness and the power to improve the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, 2014 marks the **20th year the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation** has celebrated kindness by providing materials and support for people in thousands of communities who participate with local kindness events; and

WHEREAS, **Random Acts of Kindness Week** is a celebration of simple kindness that encourage people to tap into their own human spirit and share kindness with one another thereby nourishing and strengthening our communities; and

WHEREAS, **Random Acts of Kindness** could be as simple as shoveling your elderly neighbor's driveway and sidewalk, walking a neighbor's dog, volunteering for a local nonprofit organization or at your place of worship, bringing soup to a sick friend, or simply a smile and a hug to someone going through a rough time; and

WHEREAS, The **Troy Community Coalition** promotes the message of **Random Acts of Kindness** through their annual Incredible Kids program, scheduled for February 27. This program spotlights so many wonderful young people that have made a positive impact in our community by performing random acts of kindness for their family, their neighbors or while at school; and

WHEREAS, **Troy Youth Assistance** also recognizes and honors young people in Troy who have made exemplary contributions to our community. Both organizations know the importance of **Random Acts of Kindness** in growing a caring and healthy community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Troy City Council hereby proclaims **February 10 - 16, 2014 as Random Acts of Kindness Week** in the City of Troy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council encourage each and every member of our community to practice **Random Acts of Kindness** throughout the entire year. Studies show that giving to others helps us live more meaningful lives.

Presented this 3rd day of February 2014.