

**PROCLAMATION
ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH - APRIL 2006**

WHEREAS, Alcohol is a factor in the leading cause of death among persons ages 10-24: motor-vehicle crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide and suicide; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 9.7 million current drinkers in the United States are between the ages of 12-20; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol is the most frequently used drug by high-school seniors, and young people begin drinking, on average, at 13.1 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol abuse is linked to as many as two-thirds of all sexual assaults and date rapes of teens and college students and is a major factor in unprotected sex among youth, increasing their risk of contracting HIV or other transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS, The typical American young person will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18 (more than all commercials for sneakers, gum and jeans); and

WHEREAS, Thirteen percent of all youth, ages 12-17, had at least one serious problem related to drinking in the past year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Troy City Council does hereby proclaim that **April 2006 is Alcohol Awareness Month** in the City of Troy, Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Troy City Council calls upon all citizens, parents, youth, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and workplaces, hospitals and schools in Troy to support efforts by **The Troy Community Coalition** *for the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse*, that will reduce and prevent underage drinking in our community.

Signed this 27th day of March 2006.