PROCLAMATION
CELEBRATING THE TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NAMED ONE OF THE BEST 100 COMMUNITIES FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

WHEREAS, The **Troy School District** and its Board of Education have ensured that music education is a valued part of each student's education and a focal point in the overall development of the district's students; and

WHEREAS, The comprehensive nature of the **Troy School District's** total fine arts education program strives to reach and engage students beginning in first grade with vocal and visual arts programs, and at the fifth-grade level introduces instrumental music with over 92 percent of all students selecting a string, wind or percussion instrument; and

WHEREAS, The **Troy School District** strives to create community based partnerships that effectively involve parents and the community in an effort to provide enrichment and improve resources for Troy students; and

WHEREAS, The programs of the **Troy School District** have received state and national recognition, including Best in Nation through the Disney Corporation, an invitation to the MidWest Music Conference in Chicago and an invitation to perform at New York's Carnegie Hall; and

WHEREAS, The **Troy School District** continues to invest in its fine arts program, including more than $1 million in renovations and upgrades as well as budgets for supplies and equipment; and

WHEREAS, The **Troy School District** combines all of these elements – funding, student participation, community involvement, course offerings and instructional quality – to make fine arts an essential part of its outstanding and comprehensive educational program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Troy City Council does hereby congratulate the Troy School District **on being named one of the Best 100 Communities for Music Education in America by the American Music Conference**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council joins the citizens of this community in appreciation and celebration of the **Troy School District and its excellence in music education**.

Presented this 8th day of May 2006.