

**PROCLAMATION
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1702**

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America was founded on February 8, 1910, and has grown to be a vital force in the development of our youth through its many programs which encourage the ability of its members to do things for themselves and others; and

WHEREAS, One of the major objectives of the Boy Scouting program is to develop citizenship through community involvement and members of **Troop 1702** have completed more than 75 service projects in Troy and other local communities over the past 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Their service projects that helped our Troy community include improving the trails at our Troy Nature Center and building benches and log seating for outdoor class sessions; building and installing 100 bluebird houses; conducting computer classes for seniors; resetting the grave markers at the Crooks Road Cemetery; installing 26 donated smoke detectors for low income residents; building a large flower box at Schroeder Elementary to display the American flag; refurbishing the railings at the Troy Museum and building 8 park benches on Troy High School property; and

WHEREAS, Some of their other service projects have included renovating a playground in the old Woodbridge Historic District in Detroit; creating and distributing 30 personal hygiene backpacks for the homeless; improving a nature trail in Lake Angelus and; creating & landscaping a handicap accessible picnic area at Bowers School Farm in Bloomfield Hills; and

WHEREAS, Troop 1702 has built outdoor play equipment for a local church campground; repainted local church interiors; held clothing, food and toy drives; repaired homes for senior citizens; built a basketball game structure for a children's ward at Henry Ford Hospital; provided 135 donated foreign language books for the Detroit Public Library; collected pet food and pet toys for the Michigan Animal Adoption Network; and collected cell phones and pagers for victims of violence; and

WHEREAS, Sixty-two Scouts in **Troop 1702** have earned the rank of **Eagle Scout**, which is the highest rank in Boy Scouts. Approximately 300 Troy boys have been (or are currently) members of **Troop 1702** since 1982; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated Scoutmasters of Troop 1702 have been **Greg Smith 1982 – 1987; Chuck Truza 1987 – 1995; Dan Van Dyke 1995 – 1996; Bob Sigler 1996 – 1997; Tom Krent 1997 – 2000; Steve Walsh 2000 – 2004 and Mark Tomlinson 2004 - present;**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Troy City Council does hereby congratulate **Boy Scout Troop 1702** on its **25th Anniversary** and its tremendous positive influence on our young men.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council joins the citizens of this community in appreciation and celebration of **Boy Scout Troop 1702** on its **25th Anniversary.**

Presented this 29th day of May 2007.