

Service Commendation
BRIAN STOUTENBURG

WHEREAS, Brian Stoutenburg began his career with the City of Troy Public Library in 1997 when he was hired as Library Director, building upon an already extensive career in Library Administration including libraries in New York, Ohio, North Carolina, and Georgia. His dedication to the City has been extensive and his accomplishments many; and

WHEREAS, Brian's leadership enabled the Library to embrace technological advances with the creation of Technology Centers with a specialized staff. E-books, online audio books and video were also introduced and the Library Academy was developed for staff continuing education and public classes in computer use. In addition, Library programs were greatly expanded to include the arts and cultural diversity; the International Language Collection was started, a café was added and Teen Services were established; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, the Library won two awards for excellence in customer service delivery and items checked out per year increased by 91 percent, (from 776,00 to 1,478,000). Under his leadership, the Library became second best in the state and 13th in the nation based on size; and

WHEREAS, Brian's efforts extended to the Troy Museum, working to increase the variety of public programs. He also helped in the move of the Historic Church and Parsonage to the Village Green; and

WHEREAS, Brian retired from the City of Troy on April 12, 2007 after 30 years of Library Administration, including **10 years of dedicated service to the City of Troy**; and

WHEREAS, In his retirement, **Brian** plans to travel to Traverse City, Charlevoix, Vermont and Washington D.C. He will also find time to visit his Dad and his two sisters in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Brian will also find time to write, compose music and spend time with friends; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, That the City Council of the City of Troy takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to **Brian Stoutenburg** for his many contributions to the betterment of the City; and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN That the City Council of the City of Troy, on behalf of themselves, City management, and the citizens of the City of Troy, extends wishes of prosperity, good health and happiness to **Brian** during his retirement years.

Presented the 18th day of June 2007.