PROCLAMATION
AMERICA RECYCLES 2014

WHEREAS, The world has changed a lot in the past century. From individually packaged food servings to disposable diapers, more garbage is generated now than ever before. The average American discards 7.5 pounds of garbage every day. Our garbage, our solid waste stream, all goes to landfills, where it's compacted and buried; and

WHEREAS, To focus the nation's attention on the importance of recycling, businesses, industries, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals have joined together to celebrate **America Recycles 2014** and are encouraging their employees, staff, customers, membership, and all citizens to pledge to buy more recycled-content products starting today; and

WHEREAS, Participating in **America Recycles 2014** is one way our citizens can help raise awareness about the need to reduce waste by reusing, recycling and buying recycled products; and

WHEREAS, The more we recycle, the less garbage winds up in our landfills and incineration plants. By reusing aluminum, paper, glass, plastics and other materials, we can save production and energy costs, and reduce by up to 75% the negative impacts that the extraction and processing of virgin materials has on the environment. Plastics, made from precious and nonrenewable petroleum, and aluminum, which is mined from bauxite, are especially important to recycle; and

WHEREAS, Recycling helps protect our resources, our environment, and our quality of life. The entire loop: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle is completed when we buy products made from recycled material; and

WHEREAS, From July 2013 to June 2014, the City of Troy recycled 4,683 tons of glass, paperboard, cardboard, newspaper, metal, tin, and plastic and 9,743 tons of compost; and

WHEREAS, State and community leaders need to spread the word about the excellent programs they have established, the growth of markets for recyclable materials, and the importance of buying recycled products;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Troy City Council hereby proclaims **America Recycles 2014** in Troy, Michigan, and urges all Troy residents to **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle;**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That **America Recycles 2014** is celebrated year-round to encourage people to recycle and buy products made from recycled materials. The theme for **America Recycles 2014 is** "**I Want to be Recycled.**"

Presented this 24th day of November 2014.