

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER, 2007**

WHEREAS, The City of Troy is a community of compassion and dedicated to being a wonderful place to live and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, Autism is one of the fastest-growing developmental disabilities in the world. Autism affects 1 in every 150 children born today. Over 1.5 million Americans today have some form of autism including some family members in our own City; and

WHEREAS, It is known that with proper education, training and community living options, individuals with autism can lead distinguished, productive lives in their communities and strive to reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, The annual cost of such disabilities grow to the billions of dollars; and yet service options lag the needs of those impacted; and

WHEREAS, Our community supports increasing awareness of this challenging disability and fair funding for research and services for those in need; and

WHEREAS, Our City would like to commend Robert & Sandy Waters on their radio show "The Candy Store" that airs on Autism One Radio. Named after their beautiful 6 year old daughter Candace who has autism and other disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Waters bring vital and important information to the community and other parents who have a child with autism and other disabilities; and

WHEREAS, We would like to further honor Robert & Sandy Waters for writing a song titled "Faith, Love and Hope" for their daughter Candace which has increased autism awareness and compassion around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The City of Troy denotes September as Autism Awareness Month in our City in honor of Candace Waters and to increase autism awareness and compassion in our community.

Signed this 10th day of September 2007.