

**PROCLAMATION
AMERICA RECYCLES 2007**

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, goes mostly to the local incinerator plant, and the rest 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 2007** and are encouraging their employers, staff, customers, membership, and all citizens to pledge to buy more recycled-content products starting today; and

WHEREAS, Participating in **America Recycles 2007** 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 2006 to June 2007, the City of Troy recycled 243 tons of glass, 3615 tons of paperboard, cardboard, and newspaper, 141 tons of metal, 170 tons of tin, 211 tons of plastic and 8984 tons of compost and Troy increased its recycling total by 254 tons in the last year; 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 2007** in Troy, Michigan, and urges all Troy residents to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That **America Recycles 2007** is celebrated year-round to encourage people to recycle and buy products made from recycled materials. The theme for America Recycles 2007 is "***It All Comes Back To You.***"

Presented this 1st day of October 2007.