

**PROCLAMATION  
PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH  
MARCH 2016**

**WHEREAS, March is Parenting Awareness Month** in the State of Michigan and Parenting Awareness Month celebrates people who are raising children; and

**WHEREAS, Parenting Awareness Month** seeks to draw public attention to the critical importance of parenting in helping children to become healthy, caring, and contributing citizens; and

**WHEREAS, Parenting Awareness Month** seeks to promote education and resources for developing parenting skills throughout the year, encourages the development of local parent networks and encourages everyone to participate in the lives of all of our children; and

**WHEREAS, Troy Youth Assistance**, a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization is committed to strengthening youth and families by preventing and reducing juvenile delinquency, child neglect, and child abuse through community involvement; and

**WHEREAS, Troy Youth Assistance** is committed to providing practical programs which focus on parenting skills and prevention: understanding the ramifications of technology, including abuse and addiction; identifying dangerous trends and signs of trouble among middle school and high school students; raising responsible children who are able to resist peer pressure; and

**WHEREAS, Troy Youth Assistance** actively participates in strengthening the lives of students in the Troy School District: sponsoring workshops for boys and girls who are struggling with the frustrations of adolescence; offering scholarships to provide skill-building opportunities; pairing children with adult mentors; connecting elementary-age students with high school role models in structured activities; recognizing and honoring youth for their exceptional accomplishments;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby proclaim the **Month of March 2016 as Parent Awareness Month; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That we invite all Troy residents to recognize and celebrate the vital role **Troy Youth Assistance** plays in the education of our youth and their parents in our community, and we support all their efforts and resources which promote, encourage, and support the importance of parenting awareness.

Presented this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016.