

**PROCLAMATION
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
TROY YOUTH ASSISTANCE**

WHEREAS, The Troy City Commission passed a resolution on March 27, 1958 providing for a **Child and Youth Assistance Committee** in the City of Troy and nominated 25 citizens representing schools, law enforcement, churches and the community to the committee; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by Judge Arthur E. Moore of the Oakland County Juvenile Court, the committee was formed to work with children, authorities and families on a pre-juvenile delinquent basis; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Frank Costello selected the committee members and told them their job was to prevent youngsters from becoming court cases and asked the committee to work closely with educators, law enforcement authorities, religious leaders and parents to protect rather than prosecute; and

WHEREAS, In 1971, **Troy Youth Assistance** began an employment service staffed by volunteers. They called upon local residents and business owners who had job opportunities such as babysitting, office work, housecleaning and yard work with hourly rates ranging from \$.75 to \$1.50 for Troy teenagers; and

WHEREAS, The mission of **Troy Youth Assistance** is to strengthen youth and families and to reduce the incidence of delinquency, abuse and neglect through community involvement. Volunteers work with professional staff to develop enriching programs aimed at enhancing family and community relationships; and

WHEREAS, Over the years **Troy Youth Assistance** has achieved many milestones, including successful and innovative fund raising campaigns; overseeing teens managing the Boulan Park Concession Stand; hosting teen dances; starting a banquet in 1973 to honor Troy young people who volunteer their time and energy in helping others; awarding camp scholarships to deserving youth; and recruiting volunteers to mentor young people for their Mentors P.L.U.S. program; and

WHEREAS, Throughout their 50 year history, **Troy Youth Assistance** has maintained a fine reputation for delivering tremendous value throughout the community. TYA has conducted surveys on family education programming as well as hosted valuable educational workshops for parents on a variety of topics including communicating with teens; developing responsible behavior in teens; and active, effective parenting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Troy City Council does hereby congratulate **Troy Youth Assistance on its 50th Anniversary** and recognizes its impact upon thousands and thousands of young people since 1958;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council joins the citizens of this community in appreciation and celebration of **Troy Youth Assistance's 50th Anniversary**.

Presented this 17th day of March 2008.