

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF
MICHELE HODGES**

WHEREAS, Michele Hodges joined the Troy Chamber, as its president, in April of 2001. The Troy Chamber is a dynamic organization comprised by nearly 700 of the Troy area's top companies; and

WHEREAS, The Troy Chamber, established in 1959, has a 19-member board of directors, five-member staff team, and a \$500,000 annual budget. It oversees 11 committees, and is responsible for more than 100 events per year; and

WHEREAS, The Chamber's objectives are heavily oriented toward economic development, entrepreneurship, globalization, and leadership. Most recently, **Michele** worked tirelessly to advance the Troy Transit Center; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Troy Chamber, **Michele** held a variety of positions with the Detroit Regional Chamber (DRC), including director of technology, senior director of new investment, and director of national investment; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Michigan State University, **Michele** holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Science, with an emphasis in Urban Planning. **Michele** is a recent graduate of the Michigan Political Leadership Program and the Institute for Organization Management, serving as class president for each; and

WHEREAS, For four years, **Michele** served as president of the Oakland Chamber Network, a regional collaborative of nearly 30 chambers in the county. In 2011, she was recognized as the Business Woman of the Year by the Troy Rotary and she is a member of the 2007 Crain's Detroit Business *40 under 40* class; and

WHEREAS, Michele is leaving the Troy Chamber to lead the Belle Isle Conservancy, a group which focuses on issues of historic preservation, restoration and preservation of the natural environment, planning/funding improvements, recreational activities and marketing strategies for the park; and

WHEREAS, One of the most important aspects in **Michele's** life is her family, husband **Matthew** and daughters **Sylvia and Josephine**;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council extends special recognition to **Michele Hodges**, for her dedication and commitment to Troy's business community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council and all of Troy's residents congratulate **Michele Hodges** for being such a tireless and enthusiastic partner with the City of Troy and our local businesses and wish her continued success in all future endeavors.

Presented this 4th day of February 2013.