

**PROCLAMATION
CELEBRATING 75 YEARS
THE ROBERT ALLEN GROUP**

WHEREAS, 2013 marks a milestone in the history of **The Robert Allen Group**. The company was founded 75 years ago by the Weissman Family in 1938 as The American Textile Company, selling mattress ticking fabrics and then introducing woven upholstery fabric for purchase by upholsterers and furniture manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, The company expanded their distribution and in the late 1960's the company segmented each of the distinctive lines into brands: Ametex Fabrics; American Textiles and Robert Allen; and

WHEREAS, In 1980 the first corporate **Robert Allen Showroom** opened in the Boston Design Center, which grew over the years to incorporate showrooms throughout the USA – (New York, Long Island, Boston, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Atlanta, **Troy**, Chicago, Houston, Dallas, Las Vegas, San Francisco, Los Angeles) along with three in Canada, one in the UK as well as representation in Paris, and Dubai; and

WHEREAS, In 1983 **Robert Allen** introduced its first set of Color Library fabric books to the design industry. These color books became the staple in most designer's libraries; and

WHEREAS, **The Robert Allen Group** prides itself on having brought color into interiors over the past 75 years and they were thinking of additional ways to "Spread Color" into their communities since they draw so much inspiration from the natural world and the beautiful and gorgeous colors that occur within it naturally; and

WHEREAS, **The Robert Allen Group** generously donated the funds to plant a field of wildflowers within the Civic Center complex. Staff from the **Robert Allen Troy Showroom** have volunteered to plant the seeds when spring arrives in Troy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Troy City Council does hereby congratulate **The Robert Allen Group on its 75th Anniversary** and extends our sincere thanks for bringing joy and color to our community through their gift of a field of perennial wildflowers to the City of Troy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council joins the citizens of this community in appreciation and celebration of **The Robert Allen Group's 75th Anniversary** and their gift of color to Troy.

Presented this 15th day of April 2013.