

**PROCLAMATION
VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
110TH ANNIVERSARY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

WHEREAS, The **Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan** began in 1898 by a nurse, Alice M. Bowen, an Ohio farm girl who attended the Ferrand School of Nursing which was the precursor to Wayne State University's College of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, After graduating Bowen worked as a visiting nurse in Philadelphia. When she returned to Detroit, she was determined to start a visiting nurse service in our community. Today, Bowen's dream has grown into the largest independent home health care and hospice organization to serve residents of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Washtenaw counties; and

WHEREAS, Every year, the **Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan's** staff of nurses, physical, occupational and speech therapists, home health aids and social workers provide care to more than 8,500 people; and

WHEREAS, The **Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan** has remained true to its century old mission to provide care to all members of the community, regardless of their ability to pay. Annually, it provides more than \$1 million in uncompensated care; and

WHEREAS, The **Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan** is Medicare-certified and accredited by The Joint Commission, demonstrating its commitment to exacting standards in the delivery of its quality care;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council does hereby congratulate the **Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan** on their **110th Anniversary** and recognizes its impact upon our community as they serve as a steadfast and dedicated organization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council joins the citizens of this community in appreciation and celebration of the **Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan** on this important milestone.

Signed the 8th day of September 2008.