

PROCLAMATION
Friends of the Troy Public Library
50th Anniversary Celebration

WHEREAS, The **Friends of the Troy Public Library** was founded in 1958 as a non-profit organization to actively support and promote the Troy Public Library; and

WHEREAS, For the past 50 years, the work of the **Friends of the Troy Public Library** has generated the resources for more than four hundred programs, much needed equipment, support for children's summer reading programs, writing workshops, computer classes, cultural and fine arts programs, book groups, and special events throughout the year which appeal to a diversity of interests; and

WHEREAS, The work of the **Friends** highlights the fact that our Troy Library is the cornerstone of this community, providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past and present; and

WHEREAS, The **Friends** understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library has the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services for all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, a new special needs collection, children, adult and senior services; and

WHEREAS, The **Friends** gift of time and commitment to the Library which totals approximately 10,000 hours each year, sets an example for all that volunteerism leads to positive, civic engagement and the betterment of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Troy City Council proclaims **October 20-26, 2008 as Friends of the Troy Public Library Week** and urges everyone to join the Friends of the Troy Public Library, and thank them for all they do to make our library and community a great place to live and learn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we invite all Troy residents to recognize the **Friends of the Troy Public Library on their 50th Anniversary**, and encourage everyone to support both the Friends Book Shop and the Gift Shop as well as the many wonderful Library programs offered thanks to the **Friends of the Troy Public Library**.

Presented this 20th day of October 2008