PROCLAMATION
PATRIOT WEEK
SEPTEMBER 11 - 17, 2013

WHEREAS, The history and First Principles of the United States of America should serve as the cornerstone of civic education. In great reverence to the victims of the 9/11 attacks, we acknowledge that American citizens must take time to honor the principles, founders, documents, and symbols of their history; and

WHEREAS, The events that led to the signing of The Constitution of the United States of America by the delegates of the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787, have significance for every American and are honored in public schools across the nation on September 17 as Constitution Day; and

WHEREAS, Revolution, the rule of law, social compact, equality, unalienable rights, and limited government are the First Principles upon which America was founded and flourishes; and

WHEREAS, Exceptional, visionary, and indispensable Americans such as Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry, John Adams, John Marshall, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Jr., Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan Anthony, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison founded and advanced the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Bennington Flag, work of Betsy Ross, American Flag, Suffragist Flag, Union Flag, Gadsden Flag, and the flag of the state of Michigan are key physical symbols of American history that should be studied and remembered by each American citizen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council does hereby proclaim **September 11-17, 2013** as **Michigan Patriot Week** in the City of Troy, Michigan, symbolically beginning this celebration on September 11 and concluding on Constitution Day;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council calls upon the citizens, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and schools in Troy to recognize and participate in this extended holiday by honoring and celebrating the First Principles, key historical figures, founding documents, and symbols of America so that they may offer the reverence that is due to our free republic.

Presented this 9th day of September 2013.