PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS WEEK
FEBRUARY 8 – 14, 2009

WHEREAS, It is estimated that one in four children in the United States under age 18 is hurt by family alcohol abuse or alcoholism, and that countless others are affected by parental drug use; and

WHEREAS, There is strong scientific evidence that alcoholism runs in families, with children of alcoholics being two- to four-times more likely to develop alcoholism than children of non-alcoholics; and

WHEREAS, Parental alcohol abuse is a significant factor in a large proportion of child abuse and neglect cases; and

WHEREAS, Young children of alcoholics exhibit symptoms of depression and anxiety to a greater extent than children of non-alcoholics; and

WHEREAS, Young children of alcoholics often have difficulty in school and are more likely to be truant, drop out of school, repeat grades, or be referred to a school counselor or psychologist; and

WHEREAS, Children of alcoholics, with interest and support from family, friends, health professionals, teachers, clergy and others, can avoid the negative effects of familial alcoholism; and

WHEREAS, The Troy Community Coalition and caring members of our community are committed to helping children of alcoholics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council does hereby proclaim **February 8-14, 2009 as Children of Alcoholics Week** in the City of Troy, Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council calls upon all citizens, community agencies, organizations and businesses in Troy to encourage all citizens of Troy to help break the silence often surrounding familial alcoholism and reach out to support the children and their families.

Presented this 2nd day of February 2009.