PROCLAMATION
TO HONOR THE TROY POLICE CHAPLAINS
DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

WHEREAS, A basic ingredient in the foundation of this nation is the voluntary acceptance of initiative and responsibility by private and voluntary organizations, and this fact is largely responsible for the progress and development of our great country; and

WHEREAS, Many individuals contribute to the well-being and welfare of others by giving tirelessly of their time and energy without desire for recognition or remuneration for personal gain; and

WHEREAS, There are **four chaplains, Jeff Totten, Woodside Bible Church; Paul Stover, retired from Evanswood Church of God; Rabbi Arnie Sleutelberg, Congregation Shir Tikvah; and Joe Casiligia, Faith Lutheran Church** who serve the Troy Police Department volunteering their time to offer counsel and comfort to police and community members in need, as well as routinely riding along on patrol with uniformed officers; and

WHEREAS, Two of these volunteers, **Jeff Totten and Paul Stover**, have recently graduated from the premier **Public Service Chaplain Academy at the Macomb Criminal Justice Training Center**, reflecting the commitment of these volunteers to serve with excellence. Their training includes criminal law and procedure, firearms familiarization, first aid/CPR, chaplains' roles in law enforcement and subject control and self defense; and

WHEREAS, **The Police Chaplains** not only accompany officers when they have to perform their most difficult duty – notifying next of kin when the worst occurs – they also are on hand to help officers with counseling and spiritual direction needs. In addition, they participate in swearing in ceremonies for new officers and retirement celebrations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy joins with the Troy citizens and Troy Police Department to honor the **Chaplain Volunteers** and applaud their dedication and participation in this important endeavor;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy hereby recognizes the impact **Police Chaplains** have upon the community.

Presented this 15th day of March 2010.