

**PROCLAMATION  
CELEBRATING 70 YEARS  
GORMAN'S**

**WHEREAS**, What began in 1940 as a damaged railroad freight goods company founded as **Gorman's** would become a leader in Michigan's home furnishings scene for decades to come; and

**WHEREAS**, With four locations in Troy, Southfield, Novi and Lakeside, **Gorman's** has been offering the finest, style-leading selection of home furnishings for 70 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Bernie Moray, chairman and CEO of **Gorman's**, purchased the company in 1965, opening **Gorman's Contemporary Gallery** in Southfield the following year; and;

**WHEREAS**, In 1977, Moray and his partner, Jeff Roberts, expanded the company with the opening of a store in Troy. The third location in Novi opened in 1995 and its Lakeside store opened in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Through it all, **Gorman's** has maintained a fine reputation for showcasing some of the most celebrated lines in furniture such as Drexel Heritage, Henredon, Lexington, Stanley and a host of others, as well as some of the most talked about designers, including Martha Stewart, Donald Trump and Ralph Lauren; and

**WHEREAS**, the 13 specialty shops featured at **Gorman's** provide an extensive merchandise assortment for customers from around the world combined with interior design services at no charge with professionally trained experienced designers offering the individualized service that is a distinction at **Gorman's**. Clients range from new homeowners to entertainers, sports celebrities to captains of industry;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** That the Troy City Council does hereby **congratulate Gorman's on its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** and recognizes its impact upon the homes here in Troy and surrounding areas;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the City Council joins the citizens of this community in appreciation and celebration of **Gorman's 70th Anniversary**.

Presented this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010.