

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF  
PADMA KUPPA  
RECIPIENT OF 2010 DIVERSITY CHAMPION HONOR ROLL AWARD**

**WHEREAS, Padma Kuppa** has built a solid reputation as a committed volunteer, serving many organizations with an enthusiasm and dedication that is respected by all who know her; and

**WHEREAS, Padma** has served on various school and civic boards, ranging from Girl Scout Leader and PTO Board to Ethnic Issues Advisory Board and currently the Troy Historical Commission. Her volunteer efforts and much of her personal time has been dedicated to developing a multitude of diversity initiatives within the City of Troy and surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS, Padma** was appointed as one of the original members of the Ethnic Issues Advisory Board founded in 2003 by the Troy City Council. The mission of the Ethnic Issues Advisory Board -- to further enrich harmonious relationships and open communication in our diverse community through education and multicultural exchange -- was always forwarded by Padma's work and involvement on the Board; and

**WHEREAS, Padma's** other diversity initiatives include starting the Troy Telugu Association Youth Committee; preserving hymns of a Hindu saint-composer; and co-creating Team Troy, a diversity consulting firm. Team Troy developed Cultural Connections, a professional development program on diversity for the Troy School District; and

**WHEREAS, Padma's** interfaith work includes serving on the Board of WISDOM; the Interfaith Leadership Council; as Outreach Chairperson for the Bharatiya Temple, and co-founding the Troy Interfaith Group. She is a writer, an IT professional and mother working to build a more pluralistic society, including her work to connect the Hindu community with the Jewish community to increase respect and understanding among youth; and

**WHEREAS, Padma** opened the doors of the Bharatiya Temple and welcomed WISDOM participants of many faith traditions to learn about the Hindu faith and educated seventh graders in Oakland County Schools involved with the Religious Diversity Journeys about Hinduism; and

**WHEREAS,** One of the most important aspects in **Padma's** life is her family, including her husband Sudhakar, daughter Shreekari and son Shreyas who all are dedicated to sharing her commitment to welcome diversity and build an open community which will not tolerate racism or prejudice;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Troy City Council extends special recognition to **Padma Kuppa**, for her selfless and tireless service and dedication to this community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Troy City Council and all of Troy's residents congratulate **Padma Kuppa** for being a recipient of the **2010 Diversity Champion Honor Roll Award** from the Race Relations and Diversity Task Force and wish her continued success in all future endeavors.

Presented this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010.