

**PROCLAMATION
CHILDHOOD OBESITY AWARENESS WEEK
SEPTEMBER 20-27, 2010**

WHEREAS, Childhood obesity has tripled in the past decade; and

WHEREAS, One in three children are now considered obese or overweight, and experts estimate that by 2020, approximately 15 million children in the United States will be considered obese; and

WHEREAS, At the current rate, a third to one half of the children born in the 21st century will become diabetics; and

WHEREAS, in Michigan, 12 percent of middle school children and 15 percent of high school students are considered obese; and

WHEREAS, parents are encouraged to sit down with their children and teach them how to make healthier food choices, the importance of portion control and the value of exercise;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council does hereby proclaim **September 20-27, 2010 as Childhood Obesity Awareness Week** in the City of Troy, Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council recognizes the efforts of such organizations as Medical Weight Loss Clinic in providing the resources and tools for Michigan youth to make healthy food choices, and calls upon all citizens, community agencies, organizations and businesses in Troy to recognize and take advantage of programs designed for and available to their children and support them in leading healthier lifestyles.

Presented this 20th day of September 2010.