PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH
NOVEMBER 2010

WHEREAS, During this season of Thanksgiving, as we pause to reflect on the many blessings that have been bestowed on us as individuals and as a City, we are especially grateful for the love of our families and friends; and

WHEREAS, One of the most profound ways in which that love is expressed is through the generous support provided by **family caregivers** to loved ones who are chronically ill, elderly or disabled. **Caregivers** reflect family and community life at its best. They are among Michigan's most important natural resources; and

WHEREAS, The need for **family caregivers** is growing. We are blessed to live in a time when medicine and technology have helped us live longer. As a result, persons with disabilities are living longer and people over 85 are a fast growing segment of our population. Family caregivers can be found in every city and town in America and it is likely that we all know at least one family caregiver; and

WHEREAS, **Family caregivers** deserve our lasting gratitude and respect. This month, as we honor the many contributions that family caregivers make to the quality of our national life, let us resolve to work through our community, religious, social, business and other organizations to offer programs and services that will provide caregivers the support and encouragement they need to carry out their vital responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Troy City Council does hereby proclaim **November 2010 as National Family Caregivers Month** in Troy and calls upon government officials, businesses, educators, religious leaders, volunteers and the citizens of Troy to acknowledge the invaluable efforts of caregivers this month and throughout the year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council joins the citizens of this community in appreciation and celebration of the dedication of all **Caregivers** throughout Troy and our surrounding communities.

Signed this 22nd day of November 2010.