PROCLAMATION
SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH
JANUARY 2011

WHEREAS, Providing for the education of Michigan's school-aged children is a fundamental duty of state government, as stated in Article VIII, Section 2, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963; and

WHEREAS, The education of our youth is the foundation upon which the economic, social and intellectual capital of our state is built; and

WHEREAS, **School Board Recognition Month** is celebrated in January by 552 local and 57 intermediate school districts in Michigan, as 4,200 elected school board members are honored by their schools and communities for untiring dedication to school governance; and

WHEREAS, Our locally-elected school boards play an important and vital role in developing policies and making tough decisions on complex educational and social issues impacting the entire community; and

WHEREAS, School Board members contribute hundreds of hours each year leading their districts – whether it is by deliberating important decisions about curriculum; adopting policies; hiring top notch personnel and administrators; listening to staff, parent, and student concerns; or recognizing outstanding programs – board members always keep their eyes on the goal of student achievement; and

WHEREAS, As philosopher John Dewey said, "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." and our dedicated **Lamphere School Board Members – President Brad Lyon, Vice President Robert Borngesser, Secretary Diane Backhus, Treasurer Paul Cavanaugh, and Trustees David Crawford, William Dixon, and Terrie Junkin –** have invested hundreds of hours on behalf of our children; and

WHEREAS, This year's theme – ***School Boards Lead Strong*** – reflects the efforts of thousands of men and women who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing school districts and preserving the core of our democratic nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Troy does hereby proclaim **January 2011 to be School Board Recognition Month** in the City of Troy and encourages all citizens to express sincere appreciation to the dedicated **Lamphere School Board Members** for their work on behalf of children, youth and families.

Signed this 21st day of February 2011.