

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF
ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL 2018-2019 STUDENT COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, The **Athens High School Student Council** is a very active and dedicated group of 54 students and two advisors, committed to giving back to their community as well as the region; and

WHEREAS, Each year the **Athens High Student Council** puts in countless hours, as well as blood, sweat and tears to help raise money for a charity of their choice during Charity Week; and

WHEREAS, The **Athens High Student Council** selected **Focus Detroit**, a non-profit organization that partners with schools and communities to combat poor academic achievement, under-resourced schools, substandard housing, and lack of access to basic needs; and

WHEREAS, This year the **Athens High Student Council** gave back in a way that many teens and even most adults could not do by organizing a full week of activities, including carnival night, ice skating, "Jail-n-Bail," belly flop contest, a Students vs Staff Dance Off, hypnosis show, pancake breakfast, penny wars, film festival, parent cook-off, restaurant nights, volleyball tournament, Mr. Athens Pageant, t-shirt sales, dance, pep rally, a euchre tournament for parents, and an "Espresso Yourself" talent show; and

WHEREAS, **Athens High Student Council** raised **\$130,035.71** this year for Focus Detroit. The students raised a record **\$148,813.77** last year for Detroit Street Care and their best ever record of **\$155,416.35** in 2017 for the Jena Kast Believe in Miracles Foundation. They also raised more than \$84,100 in 2016 for the Joan Rose Foundation; \$57,000 in 2015 for Wish Upon a Teen; \$56,000 in 2014 for Desert Angels; more than \$40,800 in 2013 for Angels of Hope; more than \$35,000 in 2012 for I've Got Your Back; and \$34,000 in 2011 for Believe in Miracles; and

WHEREAS, The **Student Council** generates excitement throughout the School's 1,600 students as well as within the community. Council meetings take place prior to school starting, and after a full day of classes members stay after school to count pennies, sell shirts, run the events and then go home to complete their homework. There is not a lot of sleep for Student Council members during Charity Week; and

WHEREAS, Students find out how much money they raised at the Friday Pep Assembly and then celebrate their accomplishment with a final fundraiser dance that evening;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council extends special recognition to the **Athens High School Student Council**, for their selfless and tireless service and dedication to so many worthwhile organizations over the years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council and all of Troy's residents congratulate the **Athens High Student Council** for being a shining example of how to give back to the community, as well as the region and wish all of the **Athens High School students** continued success in all future endeavors.

Presented this 8th day of April 2019.