

**PROCLAMATION
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS
TROY QUILTERS GROUP**

WHEREAS, The **Troy Quilters** began as a group in the Troy Community Center in 1999. The original quilters were Judy Baker, Alva German, Shirley Gugan, Marie Jacques, Lucy Lesperance, Vera McCarthy, Shirley Williams, and Cynthia Wilsher. Over 200 quilters have attended through the years. They have lost some to the Quilters Rainbow Bridge, some disappear in the winter, some in the summer, but they try and stick together, supporting each other in times of need, times of loss, and happy times too; and

WHEREAS, The **Troy Quilters** call themselves a "senior" group, not a club, but don't check their birth certificates. A couple of their members are thirty-somethings, and Marie Jacques will be 99 years young on Christmas Day, 2019. They welcome all quilters. Through the years approximately half of the members, give or take, are Troy residents, the others from other Southeast Michigan cities. There is no charge, and they welcome all levels of quilters; and

WHEREAS, The **Troy Quilters** do not teach classes. They all carry in their own sewing machines and work on their own projects. They critique each other, oooh and aaah when they show off finished work, and when someone learns a new technique it gets shared with everyone who wants to learn; and

WHEREAS, The **Troy Quilters** still have several members of the original core group - active, still quilting, and showing up for good times and fellowship, sharing knowledge, patterns, skills, tools, fabric, and welcoming all new quilters; and

WHEREAS, The **Troy Quilters** are also into community service, donating quilts for fund-raisers to local service organizations. Some make angel quilts and neo-natal department quilts for hospitals, some make quilts for children's homes, domestic violence shelters, pillow cases and quilts for nursing homes and cancer groups, veterans and military hospitals, Ronald McDonald Houses, and items for local Police Departments to carry for young accident victims, and

WHEREAS, Many of the **Troy Quilters** are members of local, regional, and national quilt guilds, including Cameo Quilt Guild, Great Lakes Heritage Quilt Guild, Quilt Guild of Metro Detroit, Oakland County Quilt Guild, Macomb County Quilt Guild, Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild, and American Quilters Society. Many of the Quilters exhibit in local quilt shows, and some in national shows. They have exhibited their work in the Troy Community Center, at the Troy Garden Walk, and participated in "Threads," a celebration of quilts at the Troy Historic Village in 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council does hereby congratulate the **Troy Quilters on its 20th Anniversary** and recognizes its impact upon not only its membership, but on the entire community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council joins the citizens of this community in appreciation and celebration of the **Troy Quilters' 20th Anniversary** as they enter into their future with dedication to preserving the love of quilting. Quilters are invited to join them any Wednesday from 10 am – 4 pm at the Troy Community Center.

Presented this 22nd day of July 2019.