

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF
TROY SOMERSET GAZETTE'S
40th ANNIVERSARY YEAR**

WHEREAS, The **Troy-Somerset Gazette** has been in operation since September 1980 and will begin its 40th year on September 23, 2019 with a special issue that will highlight the history and progress of the newspaper and the City of Troy; and

WHEREAS, **Claire Weber** started the **Troy-Somerset Gazette** in September 1980 to cover the City's business, civic and residential communities every Monday morning. Her goal was to help all of them be successful and to present the good news about what they were doing to make Troy a great place to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, The **Troy-Somerset Gazette**, a free paper distributed at local businesses, restaurants, and stores, has provided the Troy community with local news every Monday for over 2,000 weeks straight; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, **Gazette Media Group**, under its new publisher **Mark Nicholson**, expanded its presence by launching two more newspapers, the **Rochester & Rochester Gazette** and the **Shelby-Utica-Macomb Gazette**; and

WHEREAS, With local news outlets diminishing over the years, and a renewed conversation about the importance of supporting local news, this is an opportune time for local government to underscore the ways in which a paper like the **Gazette** and all local newspapers are a vital community resource; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy extends special recognition to the **Troy-Somerset Gazette on its 40th anniversary year**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council and all of Troy's residents congratulate the **Troy-Somerset Gazette** and its hard-working staff for 40 years of dedication and service to the Troy community.

Presented this 9th day of September 2019.