

**PROCLAMATION TO CELEBRATE
PENNINGTON COLLISION
50 YEARS IN BUSINESS – 1968 - 2018**

WHEREAS, Pennington Collision began in the garage of **Jerry Pennington**, a determined man who had a passion for cars. He began by fixing primarily Corvettes and custom work, but later introduced the show car line and custom vehicles. In 1968, he opened the doors to **Pennington Collision** to make his work more professionally known; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, **Jerry** took his custom car, "The Scorpion," to Detroit's Autorama. It was there he won the coveted Ridler Award for his outstanding imagination and vision. The Scorpion went on to win the International Championship for 1971 & 1972; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, he built the Devilfish which also won the Ridler Award and International Championship. In 1973, Jerry built a car for John Long of Atlanta, Georgia. His latest custom creation was called "The Atlanta Phoenix" which became the 1973 & 1974 International Champion. This made **Jerry** the first builder to win two Ridler awards and the only builder to ever win three consecutive ICAS National Championships; and

WHEREAS, JoAnn Pennington was instrumental in helping **Jerry** win all of these awards. A category called "Best Crew" awarded points on which team had the best looking, extravagant outfits to match the custom cars. **JoAnn** spent days sewing these matching uniforms that always took first place in that category; and

WHEREAS, ICAS named **Jerry Pennington** "Builder of the Decade" from 1970-1980. In 1978 **Jerry's** 16-year-old son **Ed**, started working with his Dad. **Ed** grew up fixing Corvettes and painting smaller jobs, following in his father's footsteps, and in 1982 began managing the family business. Since **Jerry's** passing in 1990, **Ed** continues to run the legacy of **Pennington Collision** with the help of his wife **Phyllis**, children **Cloryssa** and **Kyle**; and

WHEREAS, Pennington Collision continues to deliver the finest quality autobody repair service that you can find. When you get your car or truck repaired by them, you get top auto repair technology with first-class services at a great price. **Pennington Collision** offers nothing less than excellent quality work and service; and

WHEREAS, Pennington Collision is a full service, import and domestic car, and light truck vehicle repair shop. All repair work is done in-house by loyal and experienced technicians, specializing in all types of repair jobs, big and small, handling all cars, vans, standard pick-ups, and most light-duty work trucks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby congratulate **Pennington Collision** on their **50th Anniversary** in business; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor, City Council and City Management join the citizens of this community in celebration of the **50th Anniversary of Pennington Collision** and look forward to it being part of Troy for many more years to come, offering excellent customer service and providing quality autobody repair services to the City of Troy and beyond.

Presented this 7TH day of October 2019.