Proclamation Honoring Dr. Shawn Lewis-Lakin

Whereas, six-years ago Royal Oak Schools embarked upon a journey under the leadership of a new school superintendent, Shawn Lewis-Lakin; and

Whereas, Shawn Lewis-Lakin arrived in Royal Oak with a strong belief that education is the backbone of a strong community and strong neighborhoods are intertwined with public education; and

Whereas, with his wife Barbara, he moved to Royal Oak and became part of the neighborhood and community joining the city’s non-profit organizations; and

Whereas, under Shawn Lewis-Lakin’s inspired leadership Royal Oak Schools experienced improved test scores; upgraded and modernized facilities; fostered a collaborative and inclusive learning environment; and settled labor contracts; and

Whereas, Shawn Lewis-Lakin has through his dedication and vision made Royal Oak Schools an exemplary learning environment for students, parents, educators, and the entire Royal Oak community; and

Whereas, the City of Royal Oak is stronger today than it was six-years ago because of Shawn Lewis-Lakin.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, I, Mayor Fournier and the members of the Royal Oak City Commission hereby express our greatest appreciation as we honor Shawn Lewis-Lakin for his service to Royal Oak Schools and wish him continued success upon his retirement as superintendent.

Michael Fournier, Mayor

Marie Donigan, Commissioner

Sharan Douglas, Mayor Pro Tem

Kyle Dubuc, Commissioner

Jeremy Mahle, Commissioner

Patricia Paruch, Commissioner

David J. Poulton, Commissioner