



# Royal Oak

Celebrating 100 Years

## Proclamation Honoring Royal Oak's Centennial Celebration Year

**Whereas**, the City of Royal Oak was designated a city in 1921 and is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; and

**Whereas**, in its first 100 years has transformed from a vibrant village into the eighth largest city in Oakland County covering 12 square miles with nearly 60,000 residents calling Royal Oak "home"; and

**Whereas**, diversity is valued as an engine of progress in Royal Oak with the implementation of the Human Rights Ordinance and designation of Welcoming City to emphasize the community's strong belief of inclusion; and

**Whereas**, Royal Oak is to some of the regions most esteemed attractions and businesses including the Detroit Zoological Park, Beaumont Hospital, Oakland Community College and historic churches including a national basilica; and

**Whereas**, Royal Oak can boast about our outstanding public library, excellent schools and over 50 parks for residents and visitors alike to enjoy the outdoors in a variety of ways whether golfing, playing soccer, softball, tennis or just taking a stroll; and

**Whereas**, the downtown combines and eclectic blend of shops, restaurants, sidewalk cafes and entertainment landmarks which make downtown Royal Oak a popular and in-demand "place to be"; and

**Whereas**, Royal Oak recognizes the importance of arts and culture to sustain a vibrant and healthy life style for residents and visitors and through the establishment of a commission for the arts engages in the public and private display of art, interactive art installations like Sharing the Warmth and the Public Piano program, and the summer concert series; and

**Whereas**, named one of the "Coolest Suburbs in America" Royal Oak is an entertainment epicenter as the home to Main Art Theatre, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, the Royal Oak Music Theater, Emagine Theater and live performances by Stagecrafters at the historic Baldwin Theatre consistently referred to as a "best place for live local theater" and cited as the "Best Community Theater" by Hour Magazine; and

Whereas, taking all of this into consideration it is no surprise Royal Oak has recently been bestowed the following accolades – "Top 10 Most Exciting Small Cities in America", "100 Safest Cities in America" and "Best Places to Live in Michigan".

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, I, Mayor Fournier and the members of the Royal Oak City Commission hereby proudly announce and proclaim that we take pride in all Royal Oak has accomplished in its first century and are pleased to spend this year honoring and celebrating the legacy of Royal Oak while beginning Royal Oak's next 100 years which, if history proves anything, will be 100 years of growth filled with remarkable achievements.