

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF

**Stoney Creek Village  
200 Year Anniversary**

**WHEREAS,** Stoney Creek Village was settled by the Lemuel Taylor family with sixty members arriving in 1823 to establish the second settlement in Avon Township; and

**WHEREAS,** Stoney Creek Village was once a self-sufficient community of water powered mills, a church, a school, businesses, a post office, a Masonic Lodge, general stores, and numerous social and fraternal organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** the descendants of the Taylor family consisted of remarkable women and scientists, inventors, soldiers, elected officials and residents who contributed to the establishment of the American dream in Rochester Hills, Michigan; and

**WHEREAS,** Stoney Creek Village is a rare and unique collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century homes, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, that are well-preserved by their current owners, still in their original locations and retaining their historic character; and

**WHEREAS,** Stoney Creek Village remains the home of the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, where the legacy of the Taylor and Van Hoosen families is preserved, welcoming thousands of guests every year and celebrating the loyalty, commitment and dedication to our community of the families both today and long ago.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester Hills hereby recognize the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the settlement of Stoney Creek Village by European Americans in 1823, acknowledging that for thousands of years prior, Native Americans had lived in the area, and all have contributed to this remarkable place we call home.

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