

# CITY OF FERNDALE PROCLAMATION

## Recognizing the St. James High School Graduating Class of 1966

At a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ferndale, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers at 300 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale MI 48220 on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016

The following resolution was moved, and supported unanimously:

St. James Catholic Church has had an important place in the history of Ferndale. Over the course of several decades, many Ferndale residents and their families were an integral part of St. James Parish and its elementary and high schools.

The priests at St. James provided spiritual guidance to members of the parish, while the nuns who belonged to the Society of Sisters of St. Joseph and a variety of lay teachers and counselors contributed to the education of the children who attended the parish schools. The school had an excellent academic program, as well as a variety of extra-curricular activities for the students. It's athletic program, especially in the sport of football, was legendary.

Among the beneficiaries of the programs of the school and parish were the 102 members of the graduating Class of 1966. While attending St. James, a large majority of these students were residents of Ferndale. Over the years, most of them moved to other cities, states, and even to other nations. However, several of them continue to live in Ferndale. Most of these St. James graduates now have their own children and grandchildren and are productive members of society.

Many members of the St. James High School Class of 1966 have remained in communication with each other over the years. Many have attended reunions occurring every ten years or so after they graduated. They recognize that despite their various occupations, lifestyles, and geographic locations, members of the Class of 1966 have common memories built on shared experiences growing up in Ferndale.

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1966. The class will be holding a reunion on September 24, 2016 in Sylvan Lake. Some members of the class will also be attending a reception in Ferndale on September 24 at the Affirmations Community Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ferndale Council hereby recognizes the 50 Year Reunion of the St. James High School Class of 1966, and congratulates members of the class for reaching this special milestone in their lives.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

I, Marne McGrath, The duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Ferndale, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Ferndale at a meeting held on September 12, 2016, the original of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

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Marne McGrath, City Clerk