- **WHEREAS,** the City of Battle Creek in the year 2000, established a goal of conducting an environmental beautification project in the city in October; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Battle Creek has worked with the Calhoun County Road Department; the City of Springfield; the Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner; the surrounding townships of Bedford, Emmett, Leroy, Newton, and Pennfield; the Hart-Dole-Inouye Federal Center; Kellogg Community College and Battle Creek Area schools to form the Battle Creek Area Clean Water Partnership to develop a watershed management plan for a portion of the Kalamazoo River watershed; and
- WHEREAS, the Battle Creek Clean Water Partnership has the goal of helping to protect and restore our rivers and lakes to provide the recreational uses and wildlife habitats once common in the area and to protect the drinking water sources of the area through public education; and
- WHEREAS, the Battle Creek Clean Water Partnership will conduct a clean up of a portion of the Kalamazoo River Watershed beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Bailey Park on October 3;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deborah G. Owens, Mayor of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, do hereby proclaim *Saturday, October 3, 2015*, as

"<u>KRZY FOR THE KAZOO</u> <u>A Watershed-wide River Clean Up</u> <u>and Conservation Day Event</u>"

in the Greater Battle Creek Area and encourage citizens to participate in this worthwhile project to help restore this wonderful natural resource to its full beauty and potential.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Logo of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, to be affixed this 3rd day of October 2015.

Deborah G. Owens, Mayor