

**WHEREAS,** The Lemelson-MIT Program, a sponsored program in the School of Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), has awarded Scott Hanson at Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center in Battle Creek, MI with one of fifteen InvenTeam grants awarded nationally; and

**WHEREAS,** this highly competitive grants initiative offers high school students a rewarding hands-on experience that engages them in the invention process; and

**WHEREAS,** students work in teams to develop an invention that solves a real-world problem they have identified and apply basic engineering principles as they develop their solution; and

**WHEREAS,** their work culminates in a trip to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to showcase their invention project at EurekaFest™, held June 20-22, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** the InvenTeam initiative increases students' interest in STEM-related subjects, and inspires them to pursue creative lives and careers through invention, fostering an inventive culture within the school and community, and often leading to ongoing change that lives on long after the grant ends, sometimes leading schools to generated patents for their inventions.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Mark A. Behnke, Mayor of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, do hereby proclaim that the Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center InvenTeam be recognized for their invitation to the 2018 EurekaFest™, and I call upon all citizens of the Greater Battle Creek Area to continue their support of Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center and to continue the support of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Programs for Battle Creek Youth.

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.



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Mark A. Behnke, Mayor