

PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor



City of Oneida, County of Madison, New York State

WHEREAS in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, **and**

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the Nation and the world, **and**

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; **and**

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; **and**

WHEREAS, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; **and**

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, **now therefore**

I, LEO N. MATZKE, Acting Mayor of the City of Oneida, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2016 as

Arbor Day

in the City of Oneida, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and I further urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and place the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 22nd day of March, 2016.



LEO N. MATZKE, MAYOR