

# Proclamation

*City of Oneida, County of Madison, State of New York*

**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**, the Oneida Community Mansion House is commemorating Arbor Day by planting over 100 black walnut seeds, which were harvested last fall to be planted this year, **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida Community Mansion House is also committed to recognizing the City of Oneida as a Tree City USA by planting, nurturing, and caring for the many trees on their property, **and**

**WHEREAS**, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; they enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, **now therefore**

I, **LEO N. MATZKE**, Mayor of the City of Oneida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 29, 2017 as:

## *“Arbor Day at the Mansion House”*

and I urge all citizens to join in the festivities at the Oneida Community Mansion House to celebrate the importance of trees and greening up our community.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oneida to be imprinted on this 15th day of February 2017.

  
**LEO N. MATZKE**  
MAYOR