

Proclamation

City of Oneida, Madison County - Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month is celebrated across the country throughout the month of April, **and**

WHEREAS, the symptoms of autism may present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal, as well as nonverbal communication; **and**

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorders occur in all racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups and are five times more likely to occur in boys than girls; **and**

WHEREAS, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism can present, **and**

WHEREAS, the Kelberman Center at Upstate Cerebral Palsy, a Regional Center of Excellence for individuals with autism spectrum disorders, remains committed to their cause and to educating families, professionals, and the general public to better understand this lifelong disability; **and**

WHEREAS, the annual Kelberman's Center Walk for Autism will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. beginning at the Oneida High School, **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Leo N. Matzke do hereby proclaim April 2017 as

“AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Oneida, and urge all residents to become better educated about autism and create a better community for individuals with autism.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and place the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 5th day of April, 2017.

LEO N. MATZKE
MAYOR

