

Proclamation

City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children, **and**

WHEREAS, 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer by their 20th birthday, **and**

WHEREAS, throughout the country, organizations, advocates and hospitals work to increase awareness of the signs of childhood cancer, advocate for active cancer screening tests and treatments, and support the families affected by childhood cancer, **and**

WHEREAS, due to high participation and advancements in medical treatments, mortality rates in childhood cancer have declined over the past four decades; however, despite such advances, 1,800 children die of cancer each year in the United States, **and**

WHEREAS, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one quarter being classified as severe to life threatening, **and**

WHEREAS, approximately one half of childhood cancer families rate the associated financial struggles due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe, **and**

WHEREAS, it is vital that those affected by childhood cancer have access to quality, affordable care, and that research of all forms of childhood cancer continues to vigorously supported, **and**

WHEREAS, the determination and bravery with which these children fight their battles against cancer should be recognized and commended by all of us, **and**

WHEREAS, families in the City of Oneida have been touched by childhood cancer and its consequences, and only by increasing awareness will it be possible to control and ultimately defeat this disease, **now therefore**

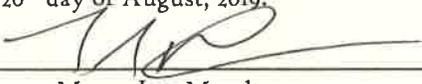
I, Leo Matzke, Mayor of the City of Oneida, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2019 as

“CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Oneida, and ask all citizens to please remember the young lives taken too soon, honor all the survivors and celebrate progress made in treatment and recovery.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 20th day of August, 2019.



Mayor Leo Matzke