

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



City of Oneida, Madison County, New York State

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Oneida value safe and healthful workplaces for all of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the majority of workplace injuries and fatalities are preventable, however more than 4,500 workers die each year from job related injuries, and millions more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, businesses spend \$170 billion a year on costs tied to occupational injuries, health care and illnesses and the intangible costs of losing a loved one, a friend and a co-worker; and

WHEREAS, safer organizations enjoy increased productivity, higher employee satisfaction and a better reputation, while recording less lost time, and lower workers' compensation and healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, H.P. Hood, Inc. has an ongoing commitment to protect people, property and the environment and are focused on the use of safe work habits that enhance their ongoing health and safety practices programs, which in turn build an effective safety culture at their company; and

WHEREAS, during the week of May 3-9, 2015, North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH), the American Society of Safety Engineers members, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and corporate/association partners representing thousands of businesses will mobilize in an effort to increase employer, employee and public awareness of being safe at work to encourage safe practices; to help companies and organizations improve their workplace safety efforts; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2015 occupational safety and health professionals will be recognized on Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day for their commitment to protect people, property and the environment at work in their communities; now therefore

I, ALDEN M. SMITH, MAYOR of the City of Oneida do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2015 to be

"North American Occupational Safety and Health Week"

And I encourage all industries, organizations, community leaders, employers and employees to join with H.P. Hood, Inc. in supporting activities designed to increase awareness of the importance of safe workplaces for all.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and place the official seal of the City of Oneida on this first day of May 2015.


ALDEN M. SMITH, MAYOR