

# Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida Area Civic Chorale was formed in the fall of 1967 when Daryl Wonderly, choir director for St. John's Episcopal Church, was asked by his choir members to lead a community chorus, and the 25 members of the newly formed Chorale prepared a tape of Christmas music, which was played on WMCR, the City's local radio station; **and**

**WHEREAS**, on May 8, 1968, the Oneida Area Civic Chorale with its 42 singers performed their first concert at the Oneida High School, and over the years the Chorale has continued to grow into an enthusiastic group of 100+ singers, who present three concerts each year at many different venues to the hundreds of people who attend and enjoy the music; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida Area Civic Chorale has, over the years, had guest vocalists, narrators, and instrumentalists contribute to the performances; they have commissioned composers to write for and participate in the Chorale; and choir members tour with the American Music Abroad organization, staging concerts in places such as Austria and Switzerland; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida Area Civic Chorale, under the direction of Kimberly Nethaway, a retired vocal music educator, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary Season, **and now therefore**

I, **Leo N. Matzke**, Mayor of the City of Oneida do hereby recognize March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as

## **"Oneida Area Civic Chorale Days"**

in the City of Oneida and urge all citizens to share in the joy of singing by community involvement in the choral arts.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oneida to be imprinted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

LEO N. MATZKE

Mayor of the City of Oneida