

PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor



City of Oneida, Madison County, State of New York

WHEREAS, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to serve veterans, the military and their families and to encourage others to do the same, **and**

WHEREAS, to this end, the American Legion Auxiliary has established an award program to note and honor outstanding accomplishments in service to our veterans, the military and their families, both within the organization and throughout the greater society, and in 2002 the National Children and Youth Committee created an award presented annually throughout the year to recognize heroism and helpfulness of youths under age 18, **and**

WHEREAS, on July 4, 2014 Jacob P. Emerson age 17 was enjoying a day of fishing with his stepfather at their favorite spot on the Salmon River, **and**

WHEREAS, a father and his young son, who had been rock-hopping, fell into the raging river and were swept downstream to where Jacob was fishing, **and**

WHEREAS, when Jacob and his stepfather spotted them in the rocky river, they took immediate action with Jacob stretching out and grasping the frightened six-year old boy by the arm, pulling him out of the powerful current to the safety of the shore, **and**

WHEREAS, the boy's father, floating face-down and not moving, was out of reach, but Jacob jumped into the river grabbing the man and holding onto him, as they were swept down the river into the waiting arms of Jacob's stepdad, who pulled them both to shore, **and**

WHEREAS, Jacob P. Emerson, is being presented with the National Auxiliary Presidents Youth Award for his courage, bravery and fortitude on that July 4, 2014 day by the City of Oneida American Legion Auxiliary, **now therefore**

I, **HELEN ACKER**, Deputy Mayor of the City of Oneida do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 21, 2014 in honor of **Jacob P. Emerson** as:

"BUBBA DAY"

in the City of Oneida and urge all citizens to commend Jacob for his acts of heroism and meritorious conduct.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and place the official seal of the City of Oneida on this sixteenth day of September 2014.

Helen Acker, Deputy Mayor