

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor
City of Oneida, Madison County, New York

WHEREAS, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) is, according to Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, the most common fatal genetic disorder diagnosed in childhood, affecting approximately 1 in every 3,500 live male births, about 20,000 new cases each year worldwide, **and**

WHEREAS, there is a tremendous need to raise awareness for this genetic condition that causes progressive muscle weakness and leads to serious medical problems and premature death because it is 100% fatal with no current cure, **and**

WHEREAS, Michael Staley, Wes Bates, and Payne Griffin are riding their bicycles 2,200 miles from Houlton, Maine to Mobile, Alabama, a cross country trek called Ride4Gabe, to bring the needed awareness to DMD by telling the story of Gabe Griffin, an eleven year old Alabamian who suffers from this debilitating condition, **and**

WHEREAS, we are honored, as the City of Oneida, to welcome and recognize these cyclists and the Hope for Gabe Foundation, who are engaged in such a worthy cause, **and**

WHEREAS, it is boys like Gabe Griffin from Alabama and other boys from New York and the rest of the country, who show us what real strength is, inspiring all of us as they show the world they are not afraid of challenges along the way as they fight valiantly to overcome obstacles and roadblocks presented by Duchenne, **and**

WHEREAS, raising awareness about DMD will lead to more support and hopefully a cure in our lifetime, **and**

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leo N. Matzke, Mayor of the City of Oneida, do hereby proclaim August 1, 2016, when the riders come through the City of Oneida as

RIDE4GABE DAY TO END DUCHENNE

in the City of Oneida and invite all residents to join with me as we bring awareness to Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and support these cyclists in their journey across the country to help honor Gabe Griffin and other patients suffering from Duchene.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oneida to be imprinted on this 15th day of July, 2016.


LEO N. MATZKE
Mayor of the City of Oneida