

Proclamation

City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, in the City of Oneida, the Red Cross has a long history of helping our neighbors in need. The Central New York Chapter assisted with 169 local disasters in the past year alone and helped save lives through the Home Fire Campaign. Last year, the Central New York Chapter worked with community partners to install 1,072 smoke alarms, making 387 households safer. Meanwhile, in our area, the Red Cross provided 866 case services to military members, veterans and their families through Service to the Armed Forces; trained 11,861 people in first aid, CPR and water safety skills; and collected 38,287 blood donations from generous blood donors, **and**

WHEREAS, March is Red Cross Month, a special time to recognize and thank the Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help members of the community. The Red Cross depends on these local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. We applaud our heroes here in the City of Oneida who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand, **and**

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families, **and**

WHEREAS, we dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on volunteers and the generosity of the public to perform its mission, **now therefore**

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

Red Cross Month

in the City of Oneida and encourage all citizens to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission, and to say thank you to the many volunteers here in the City of Oneida who give of their time to help those in need.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 14th day of March, 2019.



Leo Matzke, Mayor