

# PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor



City of Oneida, County of Madison, New York State

**WHEREAS** in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, **and**

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the Nation and the world, **and**

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; **and**

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; **and**

**WHEREAS**, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; **and**

**WHEREAS**, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, **now therefore**

I, **ALDEN M. SMITH**, Acting Mayor of the City of Oneida, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2015 as

## *Arbor Day*

in the City of Oneida, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and I further urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and place the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 17th day of April, 2015.

  
ALDEN M. SMITH, MAYOR