

PROCLAMATION

City of Oneida, New York
Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. Founded in Buffalo, New York in 1919, Zonta International is composed of 1,200 clubs in 67 countries and geographic areas with more than 33,000 members, and

WHEREAS, the Zonta Club of the Oneida Area was chartered approximately 89 years ago by Zonta International to improve the status of women in the greater Oneida area, and

WHEREAS, the Zonta Club of Oneida Area is extremely proud to honor sisters Valerie Smith Cornish and Renee Smith Rotondo with the 2016 Status of Women Award, and

WHEREAS, Valerie and Renee have each been cited by this Award for their promotion and advancement of gender equality for women and girls with their many contributions to improve the quality of life and status of women through leadership, determination, and volunteerism, and

WHEREAS, Valerie and Renee are committed champions of children's advocacy each through the Madison County Children's Advocacy Center with the goal of a safer environment for those who suffer from abuse, and

WHEREAS, Valerie and Renee, sisters who stand out uniquely and individually, have proven themselves through word and deed to be outstanding citizens... devoted to their families... dedicated to the community... women who are greatly admired and respected... and loyal to their many friends, now therefore

I, LEO N. MATZKE, MAYOR of the City of Oneida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 16, 2016 as:

"VALERIE CORNISH AND RENEE ROTONDO DAY"

in the City of Oneida and urge our citizens to recognize their outstanding accomplishments and contributions in promoting the advancement of girl's and women's roles through their careers, churches, families and our greater Oneida community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oneida, New York to be affixed this 11th day of March, 2016.

LEO N. MATZKE, MAYOR