

# Proclamation

*City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and every September, there is a renewed commitment to curing childhood cancer, **and**

**WHEREAS**, in the City of Oneida, we want to recognize the courage, bravery and determination of the children and families affected by childhood cancers, **and**

**WHEREAS**, this month and throughout the year, we honor children currently battling cancer, the families who love them, the clinicians and other caregivers treating them, the researchers working to conquer childhood cancer, the survivors of childhood cancer, and the children who lost their lives to childhood cancer, **and**

**WHEREAS**, on February 15<sup>th</sup> International Childhood Cancer Day is celebrated annually to raise awareness and to express support for children with cancer, their families and survivors, **and**

**WHEREAS**, the average age a child is diagnosed with cancer is six years old, and each year more than 15,000 kids and young adults are diagnosed... approximately 43 per day in the United States alone, **and**

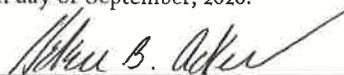
**WHEREAS**, although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancers has reached 80%, nearly 2,000 kids under the age of 19 die each year, making cancer the #1 cause of death by disease in children, **and**

I, **Helen B. Acker, Mayor** of the City of Oneida do hereby proclaim the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and September 15<sup>th</sup> as

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in the City of Oneida and urge all citizens to celebrate our young cancer survivors, remember those children taken too soon, applaud the progress made in treatment and recovery, and emphasize the importance of supporting research of these devastating conditions. Go Gold for Childhood Cancer!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 10th day of September, 2020.



Mayor Helen B. Acker

