

PROCLAMATION

CITY OF ONEIDA, NEW YORK National Autism Awareness Day

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental condition that affects many children and adults and can impact communication, behavior, and social interaction; and

WHEREAS, individuals on the autism spectrum are valued members of our community whose unique talents, perspectives, and abilities enrich our schools, workplaces, and civic life; and

WHEREAS, National Autism Awareness Day, observed annually on April 2, provides an opportunity to increase public understanding of autism and highlight the importance of acceptance, early identification, and supportive services for individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida is committed to fostering a community that values inclusion and supports individuals with autism in reaching their full potential; and

WHEREAS, local organizations, educators, healthcare providers, and advocates continue to work together to provide important resources and support to individuals with autism and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Rossi, Mayor of the City of Oneida, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2026, as National Autism Awareness Day in the City of Oneida and encourage all residents, businesses, and organizations to promote understanding, acceptance, and inclusion for individuals with autism and their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oneida to be affixed this 21st of April 2026.

Rick Rossi, Mayor, City of Oneida