

Proclamation

City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to honor the kindness of our neighbors who aid families in need every day in the City of Oneida, across the United States and around the world. Their dedication touches millions of lives each year as they carry out the organization's 140-year mission of preventing and alleviating suffering, **and**

WHEREAS, during the trying times of the coronavirus pandemic, people have stepped up to help others in need, whether it was responding to this year's record-breaking disasters across the country or rolling up their sleeves to give blood when our country faced a severe blood shortage. **and**

WHEREAS, here in the City of Oneida, local families have relied on volunteers from the Central and Northern New York Chapter for comfort and hope while coping with home fires and other local disasters. Volunteers have supported local families in other ways too by providing lifesaving blood, teaching skills that save lives, and supporting military, veterans, and their families, **and**

WHEREAS, this lifesaving work is vital to strengthening our community's resilience. Nearly 200 years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, we dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance her noble legacy, **and now therefore**

I, **Helen B. Acker**, Mayor of the City of Oneida do hereby proclaim March 2021 as;

American Red Cross Month

in the City of Oneida, and I ask others to join in their commitment to care for people in need.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 4th day of March, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Helen B. Acker', written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Helen B. Acker