

Proclamation

City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor

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

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

WHEREAS, the Arbor Day Foundation sponsors the TREE CITY USA program and the City of Oneida has been participating in and celebrating this distinguished designation for over 30 years, **and**

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida recognizes the value and importance of planting trees and knows that wherever trees are planted, it will increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, **and**

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida, throughout 2021, planted 21 trees to show their commitment to and recognition of participation in this program , **and now therefore**

I, **Helen B. Acker, Mayor** do hereby proclaim November 23rd , 2021 as:

“Arbor Day”

in the City of Oneida and urge all residents to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees, parks, and woodlands; and I further encourage all residents to plant trees to promote the well-being of our environment and community, for generations to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 23rd day of November, 2021.

Mayor Helen B. Acker