

Proclamation

City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, the tradition of proclaiming March as American Red Cross month began in 1943 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and has continued throughout the years to recognize how the Red Cross helps people throughout the country and around the world, and

WHEREAS, each year for the month of March, the City of Oneida honors those in our community who dedicate their time through volunteer work, giving blood or making a financial donation to the Red Cross, 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 2023 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 7th day of March, 2023.

Mayor Helen B. Acker