

Proclamation

City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida has always supported our military veteran population and has a great admiration for our men and women who have, and currently are, selflessly serving their country in the Armed Forces, **and**

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the “Badge of Military Merit” by General George Washington in 1782, and this medal is specifically awarded to members of the US Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States, **and**

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly to make sure we never forget, **and**

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida believes it is important that we honor our many Purple Heart recipients by acknowledging the courage of those who put their lives at risk in defense of our country and their fellow citizens; **now therefore**

I, Helen B. Acker, Mayor of the City of Oneida do hereby proclaim August 7, 2022 in the City of Oneida as

“PURPLE HEART DAY”

And I encourage all citizens to pay tribute to our community’s Purple Heart recipients in honor and support of their extraordinary sacrifice and bravery while protecting our freedoms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 2nd day of August, 2022.

Mayor Helen B. Acker