

# *Proclamation*

*City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, approximately 6.5 million people in the United States have developmental disabilities; **and**

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act became a law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life and whose purpose is to make sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oneida is committed to recognize that every person, regardless of perceived ability, has the valuable strengths and the capability to make important contributions to the community when given the opportunity to do so; **and**

**WHEREAS**, family, friends, and members of the community can play a central role in enhancing the lives of people with disabilities, especially when they are provided with the necessary support services; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oneida is pleased to provide our appreciation to the many organizations whose ongoing advocacy for people with disabilities, dedication to fostering an independent living philosophy, and continued efforts to bring forth the promise of hope and freedom that is envisioned by the passage of the Americans with Disabilities; **now therefore**

I, **Rick Rossi**, Mayor of the City of Oneida do hereby proclaim July 2024 as,

## **“Disabilities Awareness Month”**

In the City of Oneida and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance and celebrate the 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American with Disabilities Act.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

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Rick Rossi, Mayor