

Proclamation
City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor

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

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; **and**

WHEREAS, April 26, 2024 is the 152nd Anniversary of Arbor Day and is now observed throughout the Nation and the world, **and**

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; **and**

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood, fuel and countless other wood products; **and**

WHEREAS, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community and are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; **and now therefore,**

I, **Rick Rossi, Mayor** do hereby proclaim May 3, 2024 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 3rd day of May, 2024.

Mayor Rick Rossi