

# *Proclamation*

*City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, after 33 years as Band Director at Oneida High School, David Hawthorne will be retiring **and**

**WHEREAS**, his passion for music, sense of humor, and honesty has built great, long lasting relationships with each student he has proudly mentored; **and**

**WHEREAS**, under his award-winning direction, the high quality Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Marching Band have earned Gold Star ratings and Gold Star distinction at NYSSMA Major Organization Festivals. Mr. Hawthorne also earned the title of WCNY Music Educator of the Month in May of 2023; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hawthorne is a lifelong learner who has collaborated with the Tech and Art Departments to start a new class known as "The Guitar Build Class," further promoting and educating students' interest in music; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oneida is pleased to express our appreciation to David Hawthorne for sharing his experience and love of music with our students, encouraging them to not only talk about their goals but to actively pursue their dreams; **now therefore**

on behalf of Mayor Rick Rossi, the Oneida City Council, and the City of Oneida Supervisors, we do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 13, 2024, as,

## **“DAVID HAWTHORNE DAY”**

in the City of Oneida and encourage all citizens to join us in this worthy observance as we celebrate Mr. Hawthorne’s love of and dedication to students seeking music and educational enrichment.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this **13th day of June 2024**.

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Rick Rossi, Mayor