

Proclamation

City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, approximately 8.38 million people in the United States have developmental and intellectual 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 reaffirms its commitment to recognizing that every individual, regardless of perceived ability, possesses valuable strengths and has the potential to make meaningful contributions to the community when given equal opportunity; **and**

WHEREAS, family members, friends, and community partners play a vital role in enhancing the lives of people with disabilities, particularly when supported by accessible and effective services; **and**

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida extends its sincere appreciation to the many organizations whose continued advocacy, promotion of independent living, and dedication to fulfilling the promise of hope, inclusion, and freedom envisioned by the ADA have made a lasting impact; **and now therefore**

I, **Rick Rossi**, Mayor of the City of Oneida do hereby proclaim July 2025 as,

“Disabilities Awareness Month”

In the City of Oneida and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance and celebrate the 35th 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 **25th day of July, 2025**.

Rick Rossi, Mayor