

Proclamation

City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, September is nationally recognized as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, a time to renew our commitment to curing childhood cancer and supporting affected children and families; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida honors the courage and strength of children battling cancer, their families, survivors, and the communities that support them; and

WHEREAS, we pay tribute to those currently fighting cancer, those we've lost, and those working tirelessly toward a cure — including caregivers, clinicians, and researchers; and

WHEREAS, International Childhood Cancer Day, observed annually on February 15th and commemorated throughout September, raises awareness and expresses global support for children with cancer, their families, and survivors; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer affects more than 15,000 young people each year in the U.S., with an average age at diagnosis of just six years old, and remains the leading cause of death by disease in children despite an 85% five-year survival rate;

I, **Tom Simchick**, Councilor of the City of Oneida do hereby proclaim the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and September 16th as

Childhood Cancer Awareness Day

I urge all citizens to support children with cancer, honor those we've lost, celebrate survivors, and recognize the work of those seeking a cure. Together, let's raise awareness and hope for a future without childhood cancer. **Go Gold for Childhood Cancer!**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 16th day of September 2025.

Councilor Tom Simchik