

Proclamation

City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida has always stood in strong support of our military veterans and holds deep respect and admiration for the men and women who have served — and who continue to serve — our nation with honor in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military award still presented to service members, originally established as the “Badge of Military Merit” by General George Washington in 1782. It is awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have been wounded or made the ultimate sacrifice in combat against an enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart works to build a community of support among combat-wounded veterans and their families, promote patriotism, advocate for veterans’ issues, and — above all — ensure that the bravery and sacrifice of these individuals are never forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida believes it is our duty and privilege to honor all recipients of the Purple Heart, recognizing the tremendous courage of those who risked — and in many cases gave — their lives to protect our country and fellow citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Rossi, Mayor of the City of Oneida, do hereby proclaim August 7, 2025 as

“PURPLE HEART DAY”

And I call upon all residents to honor and remember the sacrifices made by our Purple Heart recipients, and to express our lasting gratitude for their extraordinary service to our nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 5th day of August, 2025.

Mayor Rick Rossi