

# *Proclamation*

## *City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. Founded in Buffalo, New York in 1919, Zonta International is composed of 1,200 clubs in 67 countries and geographic areas with more than 33,000 members; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Zonta Club of the Oneida Area was chartered over 90 years ago by Zonta International to improve the status of women in the greater Oneida area; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Zonta Club of Oneida Area is extremely proud to honor Valerie Thron Pollack with the 2025 Status of Women Award; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Valerie started her journey with a career in social services. During this time, she became an integral part of the Vernon Variety Shop and the Eclectic Chic. Valerie is a strong supporter of the community, including Veterans, the Oneida Cat Committee and Dog Rescue days. She hosts Toys for Tots, winter coat collections and Women of Violence; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Valerie has shown herself, through her countless acts of kindness and generosity, to be a remarkable citizen, a woman who is greatly admired and respected, devoted to her family, and loyal to her friends; **now therefor**

**I, RICK ROSSI, MAYOR** of the City of Oneida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 19, 2025 as:

*"Valerie Thron Pollack Day "*

in the City of Oneida and urge our citizens to recognize Valerie's outstanding accomplishments and positive influence in the lives of countless young people through her professional and personal life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

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Mayor Rick Rossi