

CITY OF ONEIDA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bikers Against Child Abuse® (B.A.C.A.) is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a safer environment for abused children and empowering them to feel stronger, safer, and less afraid of the world in which they live; and

WHEREAS, members of the Bikers Against Child Abuse® Syracuse Chapter proudly serve communities throughout Central New York, including the City of Oneida and Madison County, by supporting children who have experienced abuse and standing beside them so they know they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, B.A.C.A. volunteers work in cooperation with families, law enforcement, social services, and the judicial system to help abused children regain confidence, courage, and a sense of safety while navigating difficult circumstances; and

WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about the prevention of child abuse and to strengthen community efforts to ensure that every child grows up in a safe and supportive environment; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, compassion, and service of Bikers Against Child Abuse® members help raise awareness and provide support for vulnerable children in our region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Rossi, Mayor of the City of Oneida, do hereby proclaim **April 7, 2026**, as

BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE® AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Oneida and I encourage all residents to recognize the importance of protecting children, supporting victims of abuse, and working together to ensure that every child in our community grows up safe, valued, and supported.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 7th day of April 2026.

RICK ROSSI, MAYOR