Proclamation

City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Zonta International is a global organization dedicated to advancing gender equality and empowering women and girls; and

WHEREAS, for more than 100 years, Zonta has worked to end violence against women through education, advocacy, and its annual "Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women" campaign, observed November 25 through December 10; and

WHEREAS, one in three women worldwide experiences physical or sexual violence, while countless others are affected by human trafficking, child marriage, and other forms of abuse; and

WHEREAS, ending gender-based violence requires awareness, education, and the collective commitment of individuals and communities to create a world where women and girls are treated with dignity, have equal opportunities, and live free from violence;

WHEREAS, it is essential to stand with survivors, promote prevention, encourage open conversations, and ensure that women and girls have access to the resources, protection, and support they need to live safe and healthy lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Rossi, Mayor of the City of Oneida, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2026, as

"Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women Day"

in the City of Oneida and encourage all residents to support gender equality, raise awareness, and join in advocating for a world free from violence against women and girls.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 17th day of November 2026.

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Mayor Rick Rossi