

PROCLAMATION



CITY OF ONEONTA, NEW YORK

WHEREAS it is now universally accepted within the relevant scientific community that burning of fossil fuels and other human activities that result in release of greenhouse gases are causing unprecedented climate change;

WHEREAS although there is considerable awareness of the causes of climate change and the problems associated with climate change, there needs to be increased awareness, especially among business, political and community leaders, of the harm that will result from climate change if unchecked and of solutions for preventing or mitigating climate change;

WHEREAS the City of Oneonta has signed on to the Cities Climate Protection Program and has thereby committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions and thereby to reduce its carbon footprint;

WHEREAS businesses, educational and medical institutions and individuals can have a significant impact on greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS reduction of greenhouse gas emissions can provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures, causing economic development through re-localization of production of food and other essentials, and saving money for the City government, its businesses and its citizens;

WHEREAS on April 14, 2007, there will be hundreds of rallies and other events across the country to raise awareness about climate change and to encourage political and community leaders as well as private businesses and citizens to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Nader, Mayor of the City of Oneonta, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2007 to be Step It Up Oneonta Day and call upon all citizens and businesses in the City of Oneonta and neighboring communities to learn what can be done to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to act to reduce their own carbon footprints and to re-localize production of food and other essentials.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oneonta to be affixed this 14th day of April 2007.



John S. Nader

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Mayor