

**City of Sherrill
Proclamation**

COMMEMORATING The 100th Anniversary of the granting of
a City Charter for Sherrill, New York, April 7, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this assembled City Commission that those who give positive definition to the profile and disposition of the communities of the state of New York, do so profoundly strengthen our shared commitment to the exercise of freedom; and

WHEREAS, fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this City Commission to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the granting of a City Charter for Sherrill, New York, April 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The region known as Sherrill; the first settlers came about 1816 and lived in the northern area which was then known as Turkey Street; they engaged in various manufacturing projects through the succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, in 1848, about 200 members of a society known as the Oneida Community, headed by John Humphrey Noyes, settled at Kenwood, south of the hamlet; the community grew until 1880 when this experiment in communal living was ended and a joint stock company was founded, taking over all assets of the community; and

WHEREAS, The population increased gradually and was greatly expanded by the purchase by Oneida Community of a silverware manufacturing company brought here from Niagara Falls in 1912; farm lands were broken into building lots and the present city began to take form;

WHEREAS, The name Sherrill had been chosen earlier for the first Post Office by James Sherman, representative of the 33rd Congressional District; he chose the name, Sherrill, after his son Sherrill Sherman; and

WHEREAS, Local citizens were interested in having a city charter as they believed city government would be more beneficial and effective than a village or town government; on April 7, 1916, Sherrill was granted a city charter by a special act of the state legislature; the city includes what formerly was the hamlet of Sherrill and that part of Kenwood which lay in Oneida County; the charter established a City Manager form of government which provides for the election of a Commission; the Commissioners then appoint a Commissioner to be Mayor, and the Commissioners appoint the City Manager as the Chief Executive of the City; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, That this City Commission commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the granting of a City Charter for Sherrill, New York, April 7, 2016.

ADOPTED ON APRIL 7, 2016 BY ORDER OF THE SHERRILL CITY COMMISSION,