



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James L. Seward

## Oneonta YMCA A Ford Avenue Fixture

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**ONEONTA, 08/04/15** -- State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I – Oneonta) recently presented the Oneonta Family YMCA with a New York State Legislative Resolution in honor of the YMCA's 50th anniversary in its present location.

**“YMCA's are vital components of every community where they exist and that cannot be more true than in Oneonta where the Ford Avenue location has been going strong for fifty years,”** said

Senator Seward. **“The individuals who work and volunteer at the YMCA are dedicated to helping families and individuals reach their fullest potential in terms of spirit, mind and body.”**

Senator Seward presented the resolution to Oneonta Family YMCA officials during the Safety Around Water (SAW) program, a free program which will teach over 100 children water safety and swimming skills.

**“The Safety Around Water (SAW) program is just another example of the positive role the YMCA plays in the lives of all and young people in particular in Oneonta,”** added Senator Seward.

Senate resolution 2814 was adopted on June 11, 2015 and reads in part:

*WHEREAS, A vital part of its community, the Oneonta YMCA is a diverse organization whose members join together by a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living, and fostering a sense of social responsibility; and*

*WHEREAS, Today, the Oneonta YMCA remains steadfast in its commitment to serving people of all ages, races, faiths, backgrounds, incomes and abilities as it strives to fulfill the changing needs of the community for many years to come; and*

*WHEREAS, The success of the Oneonta YMCA is in direct correlation to the efforts of its volunteers and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of this institution and the community it serves; and*

*WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Oneonta YMCA in its present location on June 6, 2015.*