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City of Athens and Ohio University urge safety, civility during Halloween weekend festivities

Athens, OH (Oct. 23, 2014) – The City of Athens Mayor Paul Wiehl and Ohio University President Roderick J. McDavis today issued the following joint statement with regard to the upcoming Halloween festivities:

The City of Athens and Ohio University strongly encourage our residents and their visitors to be safe, civil, and smart during the upcoming Halloween festivities. Throughout the weekend, residents should expect an increased law enforcement presence and recognize that it takes the entire community to ensure a safe and clean Halloween.

We thank Ohio University faculty, staff, and students and City of Athens employees and community residents who will be volunteering their time this weekend to ensure a safe community. We ask all residents and visitors to exercise caution, responsibility, and intelligent decision making during the Halloween events. And we urge everyone to report any suspicious activities to the police or another appropriate authority.

Take care of one another and exercise good judgment as you celebrate Halloween in Athens. Thank you for your collective efforts toward promoting conduct reflective of our unique and cherished community.