

Oneida Nation

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BC Resolution # 04-24-19-D

Proclaiming the Oneida Nation Reservation as a Purple Heart Reservation

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1, of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation and its members have a long and proud history of supporting and serving the United States in times of distress and war; and
- WHEREAS,** from the assistance provided to General George Washington and his troops to serving in every military conflict, even before Native Americans were recognized as full citizens of the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** members of the Oneida Nation who have served in the military have always served under two flags – the United States of American, and the Oneida Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** veterans and service members are recognized as having provided the greatest gift of service to both sovereigns and the Oneida Nation is honored to have such representation by these members; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Veterans of Foreign Wars, Robert Cornelius Post 7784, the Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee, the Oneida Nation Veterans Service Administration, and many other groups and governmental programs provide the support and collegiality needed by those who have served on behalf of the Oneida Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Oneida members with us today and on behalf of those who have passed on, deserve to know that the Oneida Nation has and will always recognize the service they have given; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States honors service men and women who have been wounded or killed by an instrument of war, by an enemy, during a conflict, with the Purple Heart, a medal initially created by General George Washington to acknowledge the non-commissioned officers who gave freely to their new country; and
- WHEREAS,** there are hundreds of Oneida Nation members who have been awarded a Purple Heart who should be recognized for their actions, who have stories of heroism, determination, courage, the will-power to survive and the desire to help others, stories too numerous to tell; and

- WHEREAS,** the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 164, and its Commander, George Greendeer, a Purple Heart recipient, and State Commander, have presented a request to the Oneida Business Committee to have the Oneida Reservation proclaimed as a Purple Heart Reservation recognizing the service of Oneida Nation members; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Veterans of Foreign Wars, Robert Cornelius Post 7784, Commander, Cletus M. Ninham and VFW Wisconsin District 8 Commander, Chris J. Cornelius endorses this request for the Oneida Reservation to be proclaimed as a Purple Heart Reservation recognizing the service of Oneida Nation members wounded or killed in action; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation Veterans Service Administration, and its Manager, Kerry R. Metoxen, urges support of this request for the Oneida Reservation to be proclaimed as a Purple Heart Reservation recognizing the service of Oneida Nation members; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee endorses this request for the Oneida Reservation to be proclaimed as a Purple Heart Reservation recognizing the service of Oneida Nation members; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee believes that honoring service men who have received a Purple Heart by designating the Oneida Nation Reservation as a Purple Heart Reservation is important in recognizing the service of Oneida Nation members serving under the United States flag, and equally as important, serving under the Oneida Nation flag;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee, on behalf of the Oneida Nation, does hereby proclaim that the Oneida Nation Reservation is a Purple Heart Reservation recognizing the service of members and recipients of the Purple Heart.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 5 members constitute a quorum; 5 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 24th day of April, 2019; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 4 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Lisa Summers, Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."