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BC Resolution # 07-28-21-M

Extension of the Emergency Amendments to the Oneida General Welfare Law

- 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 General Welfare law (“the Law”) was adopted by the Oneida Business Committee on an emergency basis through resolution BC-08-12-20-D, and amended on an emergency basis by resolution BC-02-10-21-B; and
- WHEREAS,** the purpose of the Law is to provide assistance on a non-taxable basis, to eligible Tribal members through approved programs that promote the general welfare of the Nation including programs designed to enhance the promotion of health, education, self-sufficiency, self-determination, and the maintenance of culture and tradition, entrepreneurship, and employment; and
- WHEREAS,** the Legislative Procedures Act authorizes the Oneida Business Committee to enact legislation on an emergency basis when legislation is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare of the Reservation population, and the amendment of the legislation is required sooner than would be possible under the Legislative Procedures Act; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee adopted emergency amendments to the Law through resolution BC-02-10-21-B for the purpose of addressing how an approved program would be adopted by the Oneida Business Committee in an effort to allow for more flexibility and efficiency in addressing the needs of the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the emergency amendments to the Law revised the definition of approved program to allow an approved program to be adopted by the Oneida Business Committee through resolution or law of the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee determined that the emergency adoption of these amendments to the Law were necessary for the preservation of the general welfare of the Reservation population to assist in more efficiently addressing the economic needs of the Reservation population during the public health crisis that is the COVID-19 pandemic by allowing the Nation more flexibility in establishing and operating approved programs that

may provide assistance to Tribal members on a non-taxable basis through the adoption of a resolution in addition to the adoption of a law; and

WHEREAS, observance of the requirements under the Legislative Procedures Act for adoption of these emergency amendments was contrary to public interest; and

WHEREAS, emergency legislation is effective for a period of six (6) months, renewable for an additional six (6) months by the Oneida Business Committee; and

WHEREAS, the emergency amendments to the Law will expire on August 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a six (6) month extension of the emergency amendments is being requested to allow for the emergency amendments to remain in effect while the Legislative Operating Committee develops permanent amendments to the Law; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the emergency amendments to the Oneida General Welfare law are hereby extended for an additional six (6) month period, effective August 10, 2021, and shall expire on February 10, 2022.

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; 9 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 28th day of July, 2021; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 8 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Lisa Liggins, Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

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