

# Oneida Nation

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## **BC Resolution # 09-14-16-A**

### **Adoption of Rules of Decorum for General Tribal Council Meetings**

- 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,** in recent years, attendance at General Tribal Council (GTC) meetings has increased considerably, making it more of a challenge to conduct an orderly and efficient meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** individual members of the Oneida Nation have brought concerns to the Oneida Nation Secretary's Office about disruptive, disrespectful, and/or potentially dangerous behavior and actions of other attendees; and
- WHEREAS,** over the past two (2) years, there have been numerous situations where it was necessary for the Chairperson to warn meeting attendees that continued disruptive behavior would result in their removal from the meeting, and
- WHEREAS,** over the past two (2) years, there have been numerous situations where it became necessary for Oneida Police Department personnel and/or security staff to intervene when there was disruptive behavior among attendees; and
- WHEREAS,** it is necessary to establish basic expectations of behavior for all attendees, and protocol for addressing inappropriate behavior; in order to protect the safety and welfare of the membership, and to ensure that GTC meetings are conducted in an orderly manner; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** on behalf of General Tribal Council, the Oneida Business Committee hereby adopts the following Rules of Decorum, which shall be adhered to by all persons in attendance at any GTC meeting:

1. **GTC meeting attendees shall treat each other with respect.**
2. **GTC meeting attendees shall not:**
  - a) **Use profanity.**
  - b) **Interrupt others.**
  - c) **Heckle or threaten others.**
  - d) **Disrespect property.**
  - e) **Exhibit behavior that disrupts the meeting or that endangers the safety of other attendees.**
  - f) **Be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.**
  - g) **Have a weapon on their person in violation of any applicable law.**
  - h) **Take action that violates any law of the Nation.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that for each GTC meeting, the Oneida Business Committee shall appoint the appropriate Internal Security Department staff member to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms for that meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for overseeing the Security Department during the meeting, and for enforcing the Rules of Decorum.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any GTC meeting attendee who violates the Rules of Decorum may be prohibited from attending a GTC meeting, or may be removed from a GTC meeting by the Sergeant-at-Arms or designee, upon discovery of the violation or at the direction of the Chairperson of the meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any individual removed from a GTC meeting shall not be allowed to return for the duration of the meeting.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Oneida Business Committee shall present this resolution to General Tribal Council for ratification by no later than the July 2017 Semi-Annual GTC meeting.

#### 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; 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

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