

# Oneida Nation

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## BC Resolution # 09-27-17-A

### Resolution Appointing Representatives to the Wisconsin Inter Tribal Repatriation Committee

- 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,** On November 16, 1990, President George Bush signed into law P.L. 101-601, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation has the understanding that with the passage of P.L. 101-601, that social, financial, legal and governmental efforts are needed on our part for the ultimate purpose of returning our ancestors and the repatriation of sacred objects, objects of cultural patrimony, associated and unassociated funerary objects; and
- WHEREAS,** the historical fact that the On̄ayoteʔa:ka have never had the tradition of unearthing ancestral remains or allowing anyone outside the nation or the territories of the Haudenosaunee to be in possession of what we consider sacred objects, associated or unassociated funerary objects or objects of cultural patrimony has compelled us to develop the On̄ayoteʔa:ka Repatriation Program and to appoint official contacts to be identified to the National Park Service to conduct business on behalf of the Oneida Nation for the purpose of repatriation under P.L. 101-6-1; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Oneida Business Committee appoints the following individuals as a signatory and alternates to represent the interests of the Oneida Nation in the Wisconsin Inter Tribal Repatriation Committee, a subcommittee of the Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council, for the purpose of working in conjunction with the eleven federally recognized nations in Wisconsin on the issue of unidentified, unclaimed human remains held within museums and federal agencies under the jurisdiction of P.L. 101-601:

**Signatory** Corina Williams

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**Alternate** Robert Brown

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the signatory shall have the primary goal of identification of a common burial ground with the eleven federally recognized nations in Wisconsin and reinterment of ancestral remains of native people from the State of Wisconsin.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017; 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.

  
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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."