

# Oneida Nation

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## **BC Resolution # 11-08-17-A Implementing Constitutional Amendments**

- 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 May 2, 2015, the Oneida membership voted at the Secretarial Election to amend the Nation's Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** on June 16, 2015, the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs approved by certification the amendments to the Nation's Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** on February 11, 2016, the Interior Board of Indian Appeals denied the tribal member's appeal and upheld the Bureau of Indian Affairs certification of all the constitutional amendments; and
- WHEREAS,** the Nation's Constitution, as amended, provides a process by which the Nation's Constitution and/or By-laws can be amended in the future; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has determined there are administrative functions related to amending the Nation's Constitution; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Records Management Department shall be responsible for preserving the correct copy of the Official Constitution, and the Oneida Law Office shall be responsible to provide copies of the supporting documents from the Bureau of Indian Affairs should any Tribal member request a copy. The Oneida Law office shall further be responsible for amending the Oneida Constitution after an amendment is approved by the Tribal membership according to Law.

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED,** that the Legislative Operating Committee, through the Legislative Reference Office, shall be responsible to ensure that all laws, policies, and resolutions do not conflict with a Constitutional amendment that is approved by the Tribal membership according to law, thereby making any amendments that are necessary. They shall further create any new laws, policies, or resolutions and create any new laws, policies, resolutions as a result of an approved Constitutional amendment as approved by the Tribal membership according to Law.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the Intergovernmental Affairs and Communications Department is responsible to provide public notice to Tribal members of all Constitutional amendments that have been approved by the Tribal membership according to law.

**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; 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 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, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

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