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BC Resolution # 11-28-18-A Oneida Nation Wildland Fire Management Plan

- 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 Environmental, Health, Safety, and Land Division protects and improves the natural and built environments to enhance quality of life for the Oneida Community; and
- WHEREAS,** Oneida Nation's Emergency Management Department is responsible for planning and coordinating the response to a disaster or emergency that occurs within the Boundaries of the Reservation, including the implementation of the Emergency Response Plan and NIMS, as delegated by the Oneida Nation Emergency Management and Homeland Security law; and
- WHEREAS,** The Oneida Nation 2011 Integrated Resource Management Plan (a/k/a "Live, Sustain, Grow Plan") identifies goals and objectives related to the management of Forest, Wetlands, and other Natural Resource Communities; and
- WHEREAS,** The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has responsibilities in relation to lands held in trust for the Oneida Nation, including a responsibility to have an approved Fire Management Plan in place for such trust lands; and
- WHEREAS,** Wildfires have a significant influence and impact on the natural and human environment. Unchecked wildfires pose a threat to life and property. Additionally, over the past 150 years, natural wildfire has been excluded and traditional wildfire use has been limited resulting in changes to natural plant communities;
- WHEREAS,** The Oneida Nation Wildland Fire Management Plan is intended as a guide to both suppress unwanted wildfire and to allow for the reintroduction of wildfire under controlled conditions;
- WHEREAS,** The Oneida Nation Wildland Fire Management Plan has been developed to identify, integrate and implement the National Fire Policy and provide fire management direction for the Environmental, Health, Safety and Land Division and Oneida Nation Emergency Management Department; and
- WHEREAS,** The Oneida Nation Wildland Fire Management Plan provides the framework for pre-fire suppression actions, fire prevention measures, and fuel modification treatment on tribal

lands. This framework is necessary to protect life and property, cultural resources, wildlife and fisheries, soil stability, and local socio-economic conditions; and

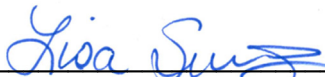
WHEREAS, The adoption of the Oneida Nation Wildland Fire Management Plan allows the Environmental, Health, Safety and Land Division to implement prescribed fire as a tool for natural resource management in accordance with that plan, as well as the policy and guidance established by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida Nation Wildland Fire Management Plan is hereby approved and a copy of the signed document will be provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for approval and execution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Environmental, Health, Safety and Land Division and Oneida Nation Emergency Management Department may implement the Oneida Nation Wildland Fire Management Plan in order to use prescribed fire as a restoration tool for natural resource management.

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 28th day of November, 2018; 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."