

# Oneida Nation

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## **BC Resolution # 03-27-19-C Supporting the Tribal AmeriCorps Program**

- 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 Nation has determined that the overall goal of the Oneida Nation is to protect, maintain and improve the standard of living and the environment in which the Oneida people live; and
- WHEREAS,** our Vision is a Nation of strong families built on Tsiꞑ niyukwalihotꞑ (Our Ways) and a strong economy; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important to the Oneida Nation community to prevent and reduce substance abuse among our members; and
- WHEREAS,** a collaborative of the eleven sovereign American Indian Tribes in Wisconsin received a national planning grant (2009) and subsequent implementation grants (2010-2018) to develop a multi-site Tribal AmeriCorps Project from the Corporation for National Service; and
- WHEREAS,** the Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community Inc. has served as the fiscal agent for the project since 2013; and
- WHEREAS,** the Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community Inc. will be submitting an application in May of 2019 to continue the Tribal AmeriCorps program for years 2019-2022 (start date September 1, 2019); and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal State Collaboration for Positive Change (TSCPC) is a collaborative consisting of behavioral health professionals from all eleven Wisconsin Tribes and Wisconsin Department of Health Services working to integrate prevention and treatment services and will continue to serve as the Tribal Advisory Board for the Tribal AmeriCorps Program; and
- WHEREAS,** Kovar Consulting Company, Inc. has and will continue to provide all programmatic leadership for the project under the guidance of the fiscal agent and the Tribal AmeriCorps Program Tribal Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS,** the Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community Inc. a grassroots organization with a strong history of serving Tribes in northern Wisconsin wants to continue as the fiscal agent for the Tribal AmeriCorps Program; and

**WHEREAS,** the Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) corporation chartered by the State of Wisconsin and is not considered a "tribal organization" by the Corporation for National and Community Service; and

**WHEREAS,** passage of a Tribal Resolution of Support is a Tribal AmeriCorps Program requirement for Wisconsin Tribes to be eligible to receive AmeriCorps members in their communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal AmeriCorps Program works with local tribal substance abuse prevention coalitions to recruit local tribal AmeriCorps members to build capacity to prevent and reduce substance abuse, and;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Oneida Nation, although it maintains no control over the activities of Northwoods NiiJii Enterprises Community, and Northwoods NiiJii Enterprises Community is not a chartered entity of the Oneida Nation, does hereby fully support Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community, Inc. as a "tribal organization" as that term is defined in 45 CFR § 2510.20 and authorizes Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community, Inc. to be the legal applicant for and act on behalf of and include the Oneida Nation in the Tribal AmeriCorps Program CNCS grant program solely for the purpose of conducting the activities and providing the services described in the application in conformance with all requirements of the funding agency, and all applicable laws and regulations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Oneida Nation supports continuing participation in the Tribal AmeriCorps Program for the Tribes of Wisconsin for program years 2019-2022, which will continue to focus on addressing the significant substance abuse prevention needs of tribal communities.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the Oneida Nation hereby authorizes the Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community Inc. to sign all necessary documents as fiscal agent in furtherance of the Tribal AmeriCorps Program.

#### 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; 7 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 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, Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

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