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BC Resolution # 04-08-20-L

Suspension of Collection of Rent, Leases, Mortgages and Utilities

- 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 Chairman declared a public health emergency on March 12th as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic which would have ended on April 11th; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 17th, the Oneida Business Committee adopted resolution # BC-03-17-20-A, *Adoption of Tier IV Budget Contingency Plan for the Remainder of Fiscal Year 2020 as a result of Potential COVID-19 Pandemic Financial Impacts*; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 24th the COVID-19 Core Decision Making Team adopted the *Safer at Home* Declaration which ordered individuals to stay at home unless on essential activities; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 28th the Oneida Business Committee adopted resolution # BC-03-28-20-A, *Extension of March 12th Declaration of Public Health State of Emergency*, that extended the declaration until May 12th; and
- WHEREAS,** on April 8th, the Oneida Business Committee adopted resolution # BC-04-08-20-C, *Tier V Budget Contingency Declared for Remainder of Fiscal Year 2020*, which requires greater reduction in expenses as a result of zero gaming revenues supporting governmental functions; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee, keeping up-to-date on the course of COVID-19 spread through the United States, the State of Wisconsin, and on the Oneida Reservation, has determined that the extension of closure of gaming operations will continue, possibly until May 12th, and that the Tier V budget contingency declaration will result in initial layoffs and on-going layoffs if the closure continues; and
- WHEREAS,** members and businesses have entered into contracts and agreements for residential rental units, business leases, mortgage payments, and provision of utilities; and
- WHEREAS,** the layoffs that will occur during the public health state of emergency is likely to affect the ability to make rental or mortgage payments, business closure and slowing of economy may result in businesses unable to make lease payments, and individuals or businesses may not have the ability to make utility payments; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee believes relief from these payments pro-rated from April 12th to July 30th will help individuals maintain their homes and businesses remain in operation; and

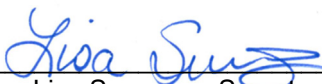
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee declares that individual home rental payments, mortgage payments, business lease payments, and utility payments are suspended until July 30, 2020 and shall not be collected or presented for collection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all departments collecting these types of payments are ordered to stop collections, provided that, individuals or businesses may continue to make payments during this period if they choose to do so.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Comprehensive Housing Division, Office of Land Management, and Utilities Department are directed to develop a proposal to address the suspended payments presented to the Tribal Secretary's Office by May 13, 2020 for placement on the next Oneida Business Committee agenda.

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 8th day of April, 2020; 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.



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."