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BC Resolution # 07-08-20-B

Authorizing the Public Release of the Summary Financial Information of the Oneida Nation for Presentation to Membership

- 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, and the world, have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 virus, such that businesses have been closed, government operations have been reduced, and public gatherings have been discontinued in order to reduce the spread of this deadly pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency in March 2020 that has recently been extended until August 12th by resolution # BC-07-08-2020-A; and
- WHEREAS,** a COVID-19 Core Decision Making Team was created in order to manage the daily impacts to the Nation to address public safety and employee safety, monitor and manage the restricted financial assets of the Nation as a result of gaming operations being closed to the public, and the slow economic recovery occurring and expected to continue in the future; and
- WHEREAS,** the COVID-19 Core Decision Making Team had originally issued a strict Safer at Home declaration closing many operations, restricting travel, and other measures to protect public health, which restrictions have been reduced by the Open for Business declaration and the current Stay Safer at Home declaration which aims to manage public safety through simple processes such as wearing face masks, using social distancing techniques, and increased business, home, and personal cleanliness procedures; and
- WHEREAS,** much of the United States, many states, and including the State of Wisconsin after the Wisconsin Supreme Court decision striking down Governor Ever's administration actions, have re-opened without guidance or restrictions by their governing officials resulting in increasing numbers of positive cases and deaths as a result of COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee and the COVID-19 Core Decision Making Team have in place the goal to keep the numbers of positive cases and related deaths as low as possible, which means that some restrictions remain in place, such as prohibiting public gatherings which would certainly be a cause of increased contact and airborne spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has discontinued scheduling General Tribal Council meetings as a result of the pandemic and has determined that until the danger to the membership through public gatherings, knowing that the elderly make up a significant number of members at those meetings, that this this restriction should continue; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee and the COVID-19 Core Decision Making Team have utilized available social media platforms and direct mail correspondence and reports to keep members informed on the state of the Nation; and


WHEREAS, members have a need to remain informed regarding the Nation, its operations and its finances which has generally occurred through General Tribal Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has identified that this need to remain informed during this pandemic which prohibits General Tribal Council meetings where the information would be presented outweighs the General Tribal Council's long held belief and determination that the finances of the Nation are confidential and not subject to public review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee does hereby authorize the public release of summary financial information of the Oneida Nation to keep the members informed and updated while General Tribal Council meetings are unavailable during the pandemic.

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; 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 8th day of July 8, 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."