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BC Resolution # 02-10-21-C Adoption of the Covid Quarantine Assistance 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,** on March 12, 2020, Chairman Tehassi Hill signed a “*Declaration of Public Health State of Emergency*” pursuant to the COVID-19 pandemic which declared public health state of emergency for the Oneida Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Wisconsin and neighboring localities implemented similar emergency measures; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation’s public health emergency remains in effect until further action by the Oneida Business Committee; and
- WHEREAS,** the COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread unchecked; and
- WHEREAS,** the number of the members of the Oneida Nation contracting COVID-19, contending with its symptoms, and quarantining to inhibit the spread of COVID-19 continues to increase; and
- WHEREAS,** members of the Oneida Nation suffer economic ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic either through leave from employment due to the associated illness and symptoms, required quarantining, or temporary closure of their workplace; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation seeks to assist its members with essential costs incurred during unpaid time due to an unexpected leave from employment due to COVID-19 illness, required quarantining, or temporary closure of their workplace due to COVID-19 to prevent loss of necessary transportation means, home foreclosure, home lease terminations, utility disconnections, and resources to maintain employment; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee creates hereby the “COVID Quarantine Assistance Program” and accepts the Standard Operating Procedures thereof, subject to revision, and attached, pursuant to its authority and in accordance with the Oneida General Welfare Law, 10. O.C. 1001 *et seq.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the "COVID Quarantine Assistance Program" will assist members of the Oneida Nation with essential costs for unpaid time-off due to an unexpected leave from employment due to COVID-19 illness, required quarantining, or temporary closure of their workplace due to COVID-19 to prevent the loss of necessary transportation means, home foreclosure, home lease terminations, utility disconnections, and resources to maintain employment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the "COVID Quarantine Assistance Program" conveys to Oneida Nation members, qualified to obtain assistance under the Program, a limited amount of financial assistance that will be non-taxable pursuant to the Oneida General Welfare Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the "COVID Quarantine Assistance Program" meets the requirements of the Oneida General Welfare Law, adheres to the Law's General Test, and may be treated as a General Welfare Exclusion that will be non-taxable to the recipient.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee approves hereby the creation of the "COVID Quarantine Assistance Program" and accepts its Standard Operating Procedures, subject to revision, and directs the Program implementation remain in accordance with the Oneida General Welfare Law, 10. O.C. 1001 *et seq.* to be effective today.

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 10th day of February, 2021; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 8 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Lisa Liggins, Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

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