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BC Resolution # 12-08-21-C

Extension of the Oneida Nation Vaccination Incentive Program for Oneida Nation Members

- 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 received funds through the American Rescue Program Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) Fiscal Recovery Funds (“FRF”), codified at 42 U.S.C. 803 *et seq.*; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of the Treasury appropriated ARPA FRF funding to the Oneida Nation for COVID-19 related activities and to respond to the public health emergency; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee adopted resolution # BC-06-30-21-C, *Adoption of the Oneida Nation Vaccination Incentive Program for Oneida Nation Members*, which provides that:
1. The Oneida Nation Member Vaccination Incentive Program (Program) is approved,
 2. The Program provides enrolled member of the Oneida Nation, twelve (12) years of age and above, a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) incentive payment after voluntarily providing proof of the completion of the full manufacturer-recommended dose(s) of a COVID-19 vaccine or, in other words, who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19,
 3. The use of ARPA-FRF monies to fund Program is approved,
 4. The monies for the Program are allocated from the Direct Membership Assistance line within the Oneida Business Committee approved allocation of ARPA FRF,
 5. The General Manager, Mark W. Powless, is assigned as the project owner,
 6. The incentive payment is intended to be considered a general welfare exclusion in accordance with the Oneida Nation General Welfare Law, 10 O.C. 1001 *et seq.*, and
 7. The Program is considered an “approved program”, as defined at 10 O.C. 1001.3-1(a); the incentive payment is a “benefit” as defined at 10 O.C. 1001.3-1(c), providing the eligible member “assistance,” as defined at 10 O.C. 1001.3-1(b), to obtain the COVID-19 vaccination and protect the health and welfare of the Nation; and

- WHEREAS,** BC Resolution 06-30-21-C identified the Program began July 1, 2021 and concluded on September 30, 2021, and BC Resolution No. 09-22-21-B extended the Program to March 31, 2022; and
- WHEREAS,** in accordance with BC Resolution 08-03-21-A, the Oneida Nation seeks to vaccinate seventy-five percent (75%) or more of its membership to promote widespread immunization against COVID-19 within the Reservation, amongst its membership overall, and throughout the neighboring communities; and
- WHEREAS,** a larger percentage of vaccinated tribal membership protects the health and welfare of the Oneida Nation, its membership, and the Nation's neighbors; and
- WHEREAS,** approximately twenty three percent (23%) of the eligible Oneida Nation membership received the COVID-19 vaccination prior to the Program's commencement; and
- WHEREAS,** approximately forty nine percent (49%) of the eligible Oneida Nation members received the COVID-19 vaccination since the implementation of the Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") approved vaccinations for children five (5) through eleven (11) years of age for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and the FDA is reviewing the effectiveness of other approved vaccines for children in this same age range; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee believes expanding the vaccination incentive Program to include Oneida members five (5) years of age to eleven (11) years of age is in the best interest for the health and welfare of the Oneida Nation, its membership, and the Nation's neighbors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee approves the amendment of resolution # BC-06-30-21-C, *Adoption of the Oneida Nation Vaccination Incentive Program for Oneida Nation Members*, to expand the Oneida Nation Member Vaccination Incentive Program to include Oneida members five (5) years of age to eleven (11) years of age, as permitted by the FDA guidelines, the vaccine manufacturer, and other medical professionals.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, for purposes of the Oneida Nation Member Vaccination Incentive Program, an eligible member of the Oneida Nation shall be defined as an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation, five (5) years of age and above.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the financial incentive associated with the expansion of the Program, created through the adoption of this resolution, shall be paid from the unobligated funds appropriated through resolution # BC-06-30-21-C.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the expansion of the program to include Oneida members ages five (5) years of age to eleven (11) years of age will take effect seven (7) days after the adoption of this resolution and continue henceforth until March 31, 2022 or as amended.

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 8th day of December, 2021; 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.



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."