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BC Resolution # 01-26-22-A

Support of Brothertown Indian Nation's efforts to seek Congressional Restoration Legislation

- 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 recognizes that since time immemorial, the Brothertown Indian Nation has existed as a culturally distinct and politically independent Indian Nation. In March of 1775 when the Brothertown were forced to move west from what is now known as New England, the Oneida Nation invited them to move to our land what is present day New York; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States established a government to government relationship with the Brothertown in the Treaty of 1794 (7 Stat. 24) (confirming the state Treaty of Fort Schuyler of 1788), the Treaty of 1831 (7 Stat. 342), the Treaty of 1831 (7 Stat. 346), the Treaty of 1832 (7 Stat. 405), and the Treaty of 1838 (7 Stat. 550); and
- WHEREAS,** in 1980, the Brothertown Indian Nation filed a letter of intent with the U.S. Department of the Interior signifying it would seek federal recognition, and in 2012 the U.S. Department of the Interior issued a decision that the Brothertown Indian Nation was terminated when an 1839 congressional act gave the Brothertown Indian Nation citizenship; and
- WHEREAS,** in present day the Brothertown Indian Nation continues to be governed by a Tribal Council acting in accordance with the Articles of Constitution and Bylaws of the Brothertown Indian Nation of Wisconsin, amended in January 20, 2007; and
- WHEREAS,** the Brothertown Indian Nation is seeking to be restored from termination through federal legislation and seeks the Oneida Nation's support; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation has historically supported the Brothertown Indian Nation in its efforts to be federally recognized, as evidenced in Oneida Nation BC Resolution 5-07-92-B; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation continues to honor its relationship and friendship with the Brothertown Indian Nation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida Nation fully supports the Brothertown Indian Nation's efforts to seek restoration through federal legislation. The Nation believes the 4,000 Brothertown enrolled tribal citizens deserve federal recognition to restore and preserve their unique historical, cultural, and traditional beliefs and to preserve and protect their sovereignty in order to achieve self-determination and self-sufficiency.

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 26th day of January, 2022; 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."