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BC Resolution # 09-25-19-C Support for Great Law Recital in Oneida Nation Community

- 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 has a long standing historical and current belief in the Kayantla'kowa, *Great Law of Peace*, as a member of the Confederacy and as a governmental entity which strives to imbue the teachings of the Great Law of Peace in all its systems and decisions; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2011 Onondaga members asked Tom Porter if he would conduct a recital of the Great Law of Peace, who in turn suggested that this would be better coming from the younger learners; and
- WHEREAS,** Chiefs and titleholders searched amongst their communities for speakers and ultimately the request was made to the Grand Council for a recital of the Great Law of Peace in a manner consistent with Wampum # 63; and
- WHEREAS,** the Grand Council agreed to host a recital of the Great Law of Peace for five years, with each original member Nations hosting the recital – Oneida, Onondaga, Akwesasne/Mohawks, Sour Springs/Cayuga, and then Tonawanda/Senecas; and
- WHEREAS,** after each recital, members of the host community met to discuss the recital and receive feedback and insights for improvements to the recital (*recital committees*) – for example, the recent recital by the Mohawk community at Kahnawá:ke celebrated almost zero-waste at the conclusion of the recital; and
- WHEREAS,** the Grand Council received requests to continue the recital at additional communities and approved another five-year period, beginning with Tuscaroras, then Kahnawá:ke /Mohawks; and
- WHEREAS,** there are members of the Oneida Nation community who wish to host a Great Law of Peace recital, to form a recital committee, and have requested clan representatives convey this request to the Grand Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the clan representatives met with the Oneida Business Committee at a work session requesting support of the Oneida Nation for hosting the Great Law of Peace recital; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee, knowing the responsibilities under the Great Law of Peace combined with their responsibilities under the Constitution of the Oneida Nation, believes that a recital of the Great Law of Peace will help to bring the community together and remind ourselves of our responsibilities to each other, the community, and the earth; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee believes that employees within the organization can benefit from hearing and experiencing the recital of the Great Law of Peace; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee supports recital committee members, as they follow proper protocols, in making their request to host a recital of the Great Law of Peace; and


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee declares its support for the clan representatives to form a recital committee and to present its request to the Grand Council host a recital of the Kayantla'kowa at the Oneida Nation Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, business units of the Oneida Nation are encouraged to provide support for the recital committee and shall work through the Chairman Hill's office and Treasurer King's office, to ensure proper reporting, and avoiding duplication of efforts, and to allow the recital committee to have an accurate understanding of the needs for hosting a recital.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon approval by the Grand Council to host a Kayantla'kowa recital at the Oneida Nation Reservation, the Oneida Business Committee will request its direct reports to provide concepts of how Oneida Nation employees could participate in hearing the recital as a learning experience to better understand their responsibilities to the Oneida Nation and community.

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 25th day of September, 2019; 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 Summers, Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

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