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BC Resolution # 03-10-21-C Amendments to the Community Support Fund Law

- 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 Community Support Fund law (“the Law”) was adopted by the Oneida Business Committee through BC-05-15-96-A and amended by resolutions BC-01-08-97-G, BC-12-11-13-D, BC-01-11-17-B; and
- WHEREAS,** the purpose of the Law is to assist the greatest number of members of the Nation who apply for assistance to the Fund in times of a catastrophic event, catastrophic illness or injury, or emergency event when no other resources for assistance exist; and
- WHEREAS,** the Legislative Operating Committee worked collaboratively with representatives from the Nation’s Economic Support Services Department to develop the amendments to the Law; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law Revise the definition of “immediate family” to better reflect Oneida families; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law include a definition for Fund Operator, which is the Economic Support Services Department, or other department within the Governmental Services Division designated authority over the operation of the Fund; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law include a public health emergency as a catastrophic event, catastrophic illness or injury, or emergency event that qualifies an applicant for assistance from the Fund; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law clarify that the Fund may only be used for the waiting period for a Social Security Disability Determination rent and utility assistance up to a maximum of twelve (12) months; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law remove the requirement that security deposit assistance only be available to those members of the Nation who are Wisconsin residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law remove the requirement that the amount paid for a security deposit be paid back to the Fund before another security deposit is issued in the future; and

- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law clarify that an applicant must clarify that he or she applied to his or her local Emergency Assistance Program prior to applying for utility assistance from the Fund; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law remove the requirement that funeral travel expenses are only provided to arrange or attend a funeral for immediate family members outside the state where the applicant resides; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law clarify that lodging assistance due to homelessness or for any other reason not related to a catastrophic event or emergency event, insurance deductibles, and home renovations not related to handicap accessibility are not covered by the Fund; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law remove the requirement that an applicant provide all household income the last thirty (30) business days immediately prior to the submission of the application; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law expand the time period for an applicant to submit an application from thirty (30) days to forty-five (45) days; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law adjust the appeal process to reflect reorganization of the Governmental Services Division; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law make other minor drafting changes throughout the law for clarity; and
- WHEREAS,** in accordance with the Legislative Procedures Act a legislative analysis and fiscal impact statement were completed for the proposed amendments to the Law; and
- WHEREAS,** a public meeting on the proposed amendments to this Law was not held in accordance with the Legislative Procedures Act due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 12, 2020, Chairman Tehassi Hill signed a "*Declaration of Public Health State of Emergency*" regarding COVID-19 which declared a Public Health State of Emergency for the Nation until April 12, 2020, which was then subsequently extended through March 13, 2021, through the adoption of resolutions BC-03-28-20-A, BC-05-06-20-A, BC-06-10-20-A, BC-07-08-20-A, BC-08-06-20-A, BC-09-09-20-A, BC-10-08-20-A, BC-11-10-20-A, BC-12-09-20-D, BC-01-07-21-A, and BC-02-10-21-A; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 27, 2020, the Nation's COVID-19 Core Decision Making Team issued a "*Suspension of Public Meetings under the Legislative Procedures Act*" declaration which suspended the Legislative Procedures Act's requirement to hold a public meeting during the public comment period, but allows members of the community to still participate in the legislative process by submitting written comments, questions, data, or input on proposed legislation to the Legislative Operating Committee via e-mail during the public comment period; and
- WHEREAS,** although a public meeting was not held for the proposed amendments to this Law, the public comment period for the amendments to this Law was held open until January 13, 2021, and one (1) submission of written comments were received during the public comment period; and
- WHEREAS,** the Legislative Operating Committee reviewed and considered all public comments received on January 20, 2021; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the amendments to the Community Support Fund law are hereby adopted and shall become effective on March 24, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Economics Support Services Department shall develop amendments to the Community Support Fund Law Rule Handbook in accordance with the Administrative Rulemaking law to comply with the amendments to the Community Support Fund law.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the amended Community Support Fund law hereby supersedes any conflicting language that may be found in the Community Support Fund Law Rule Handbook until such a time the Community Support Fund Law Rule Handbook is 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; 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 10th day of March, 2021; 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 Liggins, Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

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