

# Oneida Nation

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## **GTC Resolution # 04-23-17-A Election Law Permanent Amendments**

- 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 May 2, 2015, the Oneida Tribal membership voted at the Secretarial Election to amend the Tribal Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** on June 16, 2015 the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs approved by certification the amendments to the Oneida Tribal Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** in July 2015, a tribal member filed an appeal to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals which suspended the certification and implementation; and
- WHEREAS,** on February 11, 2016 the Interior Board of Indian Appeals denied the tribal member's appeal and upheld the Bureau of Indian Affairs certification of all the constitutional amendments; and
- WHEREAS,** these permanent amendments to the Election Law incorporate the following Constitutional Amendments into the Law:
- Changing the age of a qualified voter from twenty-one (21) and over to eighteen (18) and over;
  - Providing more detail regarding the requirements for amending the Nation's Constitution and/or By-laws in the future;
  - Implementing a name change from "Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin" to "Oneida Nation"; and
- WHEREAS,** a public meeting on the proposed permanent amendments to the Election Law was held on September 15, 2016 in accordance with the Legislative Procedures Act; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the attached permanent amendments to the Election Law are hereby adopted and take effect immediately.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida General Tribal Council, in session with a quorum of 1,489 members present, at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2017; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a majority vote of those present and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in anyway.

  
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Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee