

# Oneida Nation

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## BC Resolution # 03-26-20-A

### Extension of March 12<sup>th</sup> Declaration of Public Health State of Emergency

- 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 federal government has proclaimed a public health emergency related to the spread of the COVID-19 virus and has identified that the spread of the virus has resulted in large numbers of individuals becoming ill and high mortality rates, impacts to the stock markets, and businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** state governors, including the State of Wisconsin, have declared public health emergencies and state public health officers have issued orders, for example, closing public schools, limiting public gatherings, and closing restaurants and bars except for take-out orders; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 12, 2020 the Chairman declared a Public Health State of Emergency, the Oneida Business Committee took actions to take steps to protect the health and welfare of the members, employees and the community, including instituting expenditure restrictions to preserve resources for the provision of governmental services to members most at risk, closure of the Nation's gaming operations, and insuring that employees will continued to be paid during the Public Health State of Emergency as long as the Nation's resources will allow; and
- WHEREAS,** the status of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to change on a daily basis, with at least New York and Washington continuing to experience the worst cases; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Wisconsin has experienced a growth in cases from March 12<sup>th</sup> to March 24<sup>th</sup> now identifying 457 positive tests, 5 deaths, and of these tests:
- there are 5 positive results in Brown and Outagamie counties
  - the worst hit area has 261 positive tests and 3 deaths in Milwaukee County; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Wisconsin has general contact with residents of the State of Illinois (1,535 positive tests and 16 deaths, 70% of those positive tests in the Chicago area), the State of Minnesota (262 positive tests and 1 death), and the State of Michigan (463 positive tests and 9 deaths); and
- WHEREAS,** a positive test does not identify the number of individuals who have the virus, including those who are not showing symptoms or who have isolated themselves at home; and

**WHEREAS,** the initial Public Health State of Emergency Declaration issued by the Chairman under section 302.8-2 requested by the Emergency Management Director on March 12<sup>th</sup> would expire on April 11<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS,** the COVID-19 Core Decision-Making Team has issued a Safer At Home Declaration which directs that individuals within the Oneida Reservation should stay at home, businesses should close, and Social Distancing should be practiced by all persons which is effective during the state of emergency which mirrors the order issued by the State of Wisconsin that is effective through April 24<sup>th</sup>; and

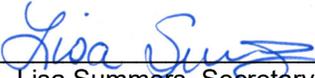
**WHEREAS,** the Emergency Management Director and the Public Health Officer have advised extension of the emergency declaration supported by information from the Centers for Disease Control and the level of spread of COVID-19 throughout the State of Wisconsin, surrounding states, and the United States;

*Extension of Public Health State of Emergency Declaration*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that in accordance with section 302.8-5, the Oneida Business Committee extends the Public Health State of Emergency declaration for an additional 30 days beginning on April 12, 2020 and ending at 11:59 p.m. on May 12, 2020.

**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 participated in an electronic vote (e-poll) which closed on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted 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. The results of the e-poll will be entered into the record at the next Oneida Business Committee scheduled on April 8, 2020.

  
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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."