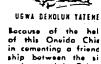


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RESOLUTION # 5-24-84-C

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian government and a Treaty Tribe recognized by the laws of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1 of the Oneida Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council to protect and preserve the sovereignty of the Oneida Tribe, its rights and its resources, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Child Welfare Act is intended to protect Indian children from arbitrary removal from their families and tribal affiliation by the establishment of procedures to insure that measures to prevent the break-up of Indian families are followed in child custody proceedings, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has taken steps to protect the best interests of children and to promote the stability and security of Indian tribes and families by establishing the Oneida Child Protective Board, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Child Welfare Act and the policies and procedures of the Oneida Child Protective Board make express references to the Indian child's extended family as being the first preference in the placement of an Indian child, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Child Welfare Act states under 25 USC \$2903(2) that an extended family member shall be as defined by the laws or custom of the Indian child's tribe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oneida Business Committee, on behalf of the Oneida General Tribal Council adopts the following definition of "extended family member".

"The extended family member shall be defined as an Indian person who has reached the age of eighteen (18) and who is the Indian child's grandparent, aunt or uncle, brother or sister, brother-in-law or sister-in-law, niece or nephew, first, second, third or fourth cousin, stepparent or someone who is recognized by the Oneida General Tribal Council and/or its delegate as a member of the child's extended family."

CERTIFICATION

L. GORDON MCLESTER, Sécretary
Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin