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 Business Committee Meetings law (“the Law”) identifies how the Oneida Business Committee will carry out its responsibilities to conduct the business of the Oneida Nation as delegated to the Oneida Business Committee under the Constitution of the Oneida Nation and by the General Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Law intends for the Oneida Business Committee to be clear and consistent in its actions and be guided by the responsibilities grounded in the Oneida culture and the Oneida Nation Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Law recognizes the need for frank and honest discussions in all Oneida Business Committee meetings but sets forth requirements and guidelines for providing a public comment and the discussion of individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Law provides that an annual schedule and reporting schedule for Oneida Business Committee meetings shall be presented around October of each year by the Oneida Nation Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the Law sets forth the general characteristics of each section that may be contained in the agenda and discusses which individuals are authorized to present items on the agenda; and

WHEREAS, the Law describes the responsibilities of Oneida Business Committee meeting attendees in regard to their behavior during meetings and while recording and photographing the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Law sets forth guidelines for the removal of a disorderly or disruptive person from an Oneida Business Committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Law establishes enforcement, and requires all members of the Oneida Business Committee to request a point of order to direct compliance with Robert’s Rules of Order, requirements set forth in this law or requirements set forth in resolutions or standard operating procedures adopted by the Oneida Business Committee when necessary; and

WHEREAS, a first public meeting on the proposed law was held on December 29, 2016, in accordance with the Legislative Procedures Act, and comments received were reviewed and accepted by the Legislative Operating Committee on March 1, 2017; and
WHEREAS, a second public meeting on the proposed law was held on May 18, 2017, in accordance with the Legislative Procedures Act, and comments received were reviewed and accepted by the Legislative Operating Committee on June 7, 2017; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee Meetings law is hereby adopted and shall become effective September 13, 2017.

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 26th day of July, 2017; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 members for, 1 member against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

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