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BC Resolution # 01-09-19-B

Oneida Nation, recognizing Climate Change as a long-term threat to our Core Values

- 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 Creation Story acknowledges the Sky World, yohwłtsya?kehlo-lú, is a sacred place; and
- WHEREAS,** climate change is a global threat to society and the natural world; and
- WHEREAS,** the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI) forecasts that by 2050 the average annual temperature will have increased by 6°F, peak temperatures will reach 110-112°F, Wisconsin will experience 20 additional days above 90°F, average annual precipitation will increase by 2 inches, rainfall frequency and intensity will increase, snowfalls will be heavier, and flooding more persistent (<https://www.wicci.wisc.edu/>); and
- WHEREAS,** climate change poses a serious threat to the health and inherent existence of Indigenous Peoples and their Treaty rights as affirmed by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and
- WHEREAS,** on October 8, 2018, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued a special report on the impacts of global warming that exceeds 1.5°C (2.7°F), calling for urgent large-scale changes by governments, businesses, and individuals (<https://report.ipcc.ch/sr15/>); and
- WHEREAS,** adequate response to the threat of climate change requires action by all governments, including Tribal, national, state, and local governments; and
- WHEREAS,** 184 of 197 Parties to the Convention of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) have demonstrated their commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement, to keep global temperatures below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and to encourage nations to develop strategies to manage the impacts of climate change (<https://unfccc.int/process/the-paris-agreement/status-of-ratification>); and
- WHEREAS,** the United States government and current presidential administration have discounted the causes and consequences of climate change; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as a member of the international community, the Oneida Nation shall endorse the essential elements of the Paris Climate Agreement with the intention to limit long-term temperature changes, decrease its share of carbon emissions, communicate its mitigation strategy, protect known carbon sinks, pursue creative approaches to limit emissions, be transparent in its reporting, stay informed on the best available technologies, and periodically assess its progress.
(<https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-paris-agreement>).

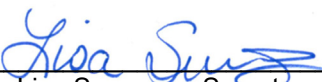
BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, the Energy Team shall define and integrate climate adaptation and mitigation solutions into the Energy Strategy Plan.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, the Business Committee shall work with the Energy Team to finalize and empower the Nation's Strategic Energy Plan.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Business Committee shall work with the Energy Team to adopt the policies necessary to achieve the goals established in the Strategic Energy Plan.

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; 7 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 9th day of January, 2019; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



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."