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BC Resolution # 06-12-19-C Support for the Indian Buffalo Management Act

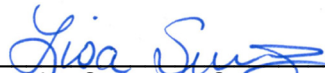
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1, of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation has a cultural, spiritual, and traditional connection with the buffalo; and
- WHEREAS,** the presence of the buffalo promotes tribal sovereignty and self-determination because they provide jobs and food, and are a source of income through tourism, meat sales, and hunting permits; and
- WHEREAS,** the InterTribal Buffalo Council (ITBC) is a federally-chartered, Indian organization with 68 member-Tribes in 19 states, with a total of 55 buffalo herds (over 20,000 buffalo collectively) that are managed on Indian trust lands; and
- WHEREAS,** ITBC's mission is to promote the social welfare of American Indians and Native Alaskans by restoring buffalo to Indian lands to restore the cultural, spiritual, and traditional connection between buffalo and indigenous people; and
- WHEREAS,** ITBC has received federal funding from the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs since 1992 in varying amounts to award herd development grants to member Tribes and to provide technical assistance for buffalo management; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bureau of Indian Affairs has determined the level of funding for ITBC through a discretionary Natural Resources line item which has resulted in stagnant funding for the past 10 years despite the growth of ITBC membership and increase in the number of Tribal herds; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is a member of ITBC; and
- WHEREAS,** ITBC has developed and long promoted the Indian Buffalo Management Act that would create a permanent program with a specific line-item in the Department of the Interior's budget for tribal buffalo restoration and promotion programs; and
- WHEREAS,** ITBC has requested members of the United States House of Representatives and Senate sponsor or co-sponsor the Indian Buffalo Management Act either as stand-alone legislation or as a rider to moving Appropriations bills or other legislative efforts; and

WHEREAS, ITBC seeks support for the Indian Buffalo Management Act from member-Tribes for support in the House and to be introduced in the Senate; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida Nation encourages Wisconsin's congressional delegation to sponsor, co-sponsor and/or support the InterTribal Buffalo Council's Indian Buffalo Management Act in the United States House of Representatives and Senate.

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; 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 12th day of June, 2019; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 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."