

Oneida Nation

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BC Resolution # 12-09-20-B Proclamation of Appreciation

- 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 late Charles Frederick Whitney Wheelock “Chaz”, Tsyata’ti (Along the Riverbank), Turtle Clan of the Oneida Nation, transformed the conversation on tribal sovereignty, our relationship to the environment, strategic planning for the next seven generations, and the acceptance of Industrial Hemp in our community; and
- WHEREAS,** as one of the founders of the Indigenous Environmental Network (“IEN”), a network of Indigenous, grassroots activists dedicated to addressing environmental and economic justice issues internationally, Chaz infused the mission of IEN into his professional life; and
- WHEREAS,** over the last five (5) years, Chaz focused on the education of Industrial Hemp and the development of regenerative economies, which ranged from Chaz standing on his van in the middle of downtown Oneida, while dressed as SpongeBob SquarePants, holding a sign that simply said “Legalize Hemp”, to his thoughtful leadership in directing hemp focused non-profits to educate the Oneida community on the benefits of the plant; and
- WHEREAS,** more recently, Chaz, along with Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems, was responsible for a hemp booth being set up at the Oneida Farmers Market and, as one of his final projects for the Oneida community, Chaz created a just transition model based on agriculture research and food security; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida community did not only benefit from Chaz’s wisdom and strategic planning to elevate the conversation on Industrial Hemp; Chaz’s network and guidance contributed to the State of Wisconsin, as well as the United States of America, legalizing hemp; and
- WHEREAS,** Chaz was an influential Elder who inspired the next seven generations of Indigenous thinkers and activists; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee does wish to recognize Chaz’s contribution to the development of the Nation’s first Industrial Hemp law, as well as his remarkable dedication to the promotion and advancement of the Industrial Hemp industry within the Oneida Nation and throughout the United States of America.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee does hereby express its sincere appreciation to the late Charles Frederick Whitney "Chaz" Wheelock on behalf of the Oneida Nation for offering his expertise during the development of the Nation's first Industrial Hemp law, as well as his dedication, time, knowledge, passion and diligence in advocating and advancing the Industrial Hemp industry in general. .

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 9th day of December, 2020; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting 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.



Lisa Liggins, Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

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