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BC Resolution # 06-23-21-A

Support Partnership with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and Authorize Participation in the USDA Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Demonstration Project for Indian Organizations

- 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 is committed to supporting the health of the Oneida community through increased access to nutritious foods; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is committed to increasing the Nation's sovereignty through increased control of the Nation's food supply; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is committed to the economic development of the Oneida community; and
- WHEREAS,** the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) is administered by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA); and
- WHEREAS,** the FDPIR provides a food package of 100 percent domestically grown foods to income-eligible households living on Indian reservations and to American Indian households residing in approved areas near reservations; and
- WHEREAS,** each month, participating FDPIR households receive a defined food package that is filled with foods ordered from the USDA; and
- WHEREAS,** the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 authorized a demonstration project that allows one or more Tribal Organization(s) within FDPIR to enter into self-determination contracts for them to purchase foods for their Indian Tribe, instead of USDA, for inclusion in the FDPIR food package; and
- WHEREAS,** the self-determination contract will provide Tribal Organizations more control over the governmental affairs of their Organizations, fostering further self-governance; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2018 Farm Bill provision under Section 4003(b) supports Tribal Organization self-governance by specifically allowing Tribal Organizations to procure FDPIR food instead of USDA and allows FNS to familiarize itself with these types of contracts and to assess how FDPIR could operate under such a food distribution program model; and

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation and Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin each administers their own FDPIR and are eligible to participate in the demonstration project; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation and Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin have formed a partnership and submitted a joint application to the USDA to participate in the demonstration project on March 15, 2021; and
- WHEREAS,** on June 10, 2021, the Oneida Nation and Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin received a letter from the USDA stating that our joint proposal has been tentatively selected and that in accordance with Section III. A. 2. of the Federal Notice, a signed Tribal Resolution authorizing Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and Oneida Nation to participate in this demonstration project is required within 30 days after receiving notification of potential selection; and
- WHEREAS,** the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin has adopted a resolution that supports the partnership with the Oneida Nation and to participate in the demonstration project; and
- WHEREAS,** the grant requires that the Oneida Nation also pass a resolution in support of the project to participate in the demonstration project; and
- WHEREAS,** this demonstration project strengthens the Nation's sovereignty by granting the Nation the authority to procure FDPIR food, instead of the USDA; and
- WHEREAS,** this demonstration project will better protect the health of those that participate in the Menominee and Oneida FDPIR as the food will be supplied with nutritional tribally sourced foods including fish, rice, beef, buffalo, and apples; and
- WHEREAS,** this demonstration project will provide economic benefits to the Oneida Nation as the Nation will be providing apples, beef, and buffalo to the FDPIR.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Nation supports the partnership with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and authorizes joint participation in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations 2018 Farm Bill Demonstration Project for Tribal Organizations.

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; 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 23rd day of June, 2021; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 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."