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BC Resolution # 10-13-21-B

Adoption of the 2021 Pandemic Relief Food Card Distribution Utilizing American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Federal Relief Funds

- 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 received federal funds through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Federal Relief Funds (“ARPA-FRF-LR”) to address matters arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has determined a portion of the funds should be used to assist members through direct payment programs and other projects should result in tangible results to meet the needs of its members; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee seeks to allocate funds from ARPA-FRF-LR toward a food card distribution for the purposes of providing financial relief to members negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through lost wages, health care expenses, inflationary increases on the cost of food, and other unexpected costs or loss of revenue; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee would allocate funds from ARPA-FRF-LR for the acquisition and distribution of up to 9,000 food cards valued at \$500 each for the 2021 Pandemic Relief Food Card Distribution; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2021 Pandemic Relief Food Card Distribution would distribute 6,500 food cards through its facilities on or near the Oneida Reservation, 1,500 cards through its SEOTS facility in Milwaukee, WI, and budget for up to 1000 food cards that may be distributed those members receiving rain checks because the demand exceeded supplies on the initial distribution dates; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2021 Pandemic Relief Food Card Distribution would be open to all enrolled members of the Oneida Nation, ages 18 and above, who have attested to a need for such relief due to the economic impact created by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and
- WHEREAS,** the Nation would distribute only one food card to a qualifying member to be collected at either the designated location on or near the Oneida Reservation or the SEOTS facility in Milwaukee, WI; and

WHEREAS, qualifying members may delegate a proxy to members of their immediate family (grandparents, parents, siblings, and children) to procure the food card for them if they supply the proxy with a copy of their Oneida Nation membership card and a signed statement of consent from the delegating member stating the name of the proxy, the relationship of the proxy to the delegating member, and a statement offering the delegating member's consent to allow the proxy to obtain the food card on the former's behalf; and

WHEREAS, this project fits within the Direct Membership Assistance allocation which is funded in the current fiscal year with funds available for allocation; and

WHEREAS, this project would be concluded by December 3, 2021, the date by which the initial distribution and the acquisition and distribution of food cards to the holders of rain checks would be completed; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has reviewed the proposed project; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 2021 Pandemic Relief Food Card Distribution will distribute 6,500 food cards through its facilities on or near the Oneida Reservation, 1,500 cards through its SEOTS facility in Milwaukee, WI, and budget for up to 1000 food cards that may be distributed later to those members receiving rain checks because the demand exceeded supplies on the distribution dates; rain checks will be issued only within the hours of operation at the designated distribution locations on the dates of distribution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the food cards will have a value of \$500 and the number of food cards distributed shall not exceed the 6,500 food cards allocated for distribution at the facility on or near the Oneida Reservation, 1,500 food cards distributed at the SEOTS facility, and up to 1000 cards acquired after the initial distribution date(s) to meet the unfulfilled need represented by the allocated rain checks; rain checks shall be distributed on a first come/first serve basis and shall not exceed 1000 rain checks between all locations combined.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 2021 Pandemic Relief Food Card Distribution is scheduled for November 17 – 19, 2021 at the aforementioned locations; Project Owner shall ensure the food cards acquired pursuant to rain checks are distributed no later than December 3, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 2021 Pandemic Relief Food Card Distribution is open to all enrolled members of the Oneida Nation, ages 18 (by December 31, 2021) and above, who attest to a need for this category of relief due to the economic impact created by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Nation will distribute only one food card to a qualifying member to be collected at either the designated location on or near the Oneida Reservation or the SEOTS facility in Milwaukee, WI. Qualifying members may delegate a proxy only to adult members of their immediate family (grandparents, parents, siblings, and children) to procure the food card for them if the delegating member supplies the proxy with a copy of their Oneida Nation membership card and a signed consent from the delegating member stating the name of the proxy, the relationship of the proxy to the delegating member, and a statement offering the delegating member's consent to authorize the proxy to obtain the food card on the delegating member's behalf. Incarcerated qualifying members are excluded from delegating or authorizing a proxy to immediate family members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 2021 Pandemic Relief Food Card Distribution is provided under and in accordance with the Oneida General Welfare Law, 10 O.C. 1001 *et seq.*

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee approves the 2021 Pandemic Relief Food Card Distribution, in the amount of \$4,500,000 from ARPA-FRF-LR Investments, Direct Membership Assistance, with General Manager Mark Powless assigned as the Project Owner.

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 13th day of October, 2021; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 members for, 0 members against, and 1 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."