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GTC Resolution # 04-23-17-A Election Law Permanent Amendments

- 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,** on May 2, 2015, the Oneida Tribal membership voted at the Secretarial Election to amend the Tribal Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** on June 16, 2015 the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs approved by certification the amendments to the Oneida Tribal Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** in July 2015, a tribal member filed an appeal to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals which suspended the certification and implementation; and
- WHEREAS,** on February 11, 2016 the Interior Board of Indian Appeals denied the tribal member's appeal and upheld the Bureau of Indian Affairs certification of all the constitutional amendments; and
- WHEREAS,** these permanent amendments to the Election Law incorporate the following Constitutional Amendments into the Law:
- Changing the age of a qualified voter from twenty-one (21) and over to eighteen (18) and over;
 - Providing more detail regarding the requirements for amending the Nation's Constitution and/or By-laws in the future;
 - Implementing a name change from "Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin" to "Oneida Nation"; and
- WHEREAS,** a public meeting on the proposed permanent amendments to the Election Law was held on September 15, 2016 in accordance with the Legislative Procedures Act; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached permanent amendments to the Election Law are hereby adopted and take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida General Tribal Council, in session with a quorum of 1,489 members present, at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 23rd day of April, 2017; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a majority vote of those present and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in anyway.



Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee