

# Oneida Nation

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## BC Resolution # 06-20-22-A

### Declaration of Emergency Resulting from the Damages Caused by the June 15, 2022, Severe Weather and Tornado

- 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 Business Committee adopted the Emergency Management Law, Chapter 302, in accordance with the Legislative Procedures Act as a means to address health and safety emergencies that arise within the Oneida Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** an emergency is defined as “a situation that poses an immediate risk to health, life, safety, property, or environment which requires urgent intervention to prevent further illness, injury, death, or other worsening of the situation” section 302.3-1(f); and
- WHEREAS,** on June 15, 2022, the Oneida Nation and surrounding areas experienced a severe thunderstorm, high winds and tornados affecting power, damaging homes and businesses, and impacting access through downed trees; and
- WHEREAS,** multiple buildings and much of the programs and services of the Nation have been negatively impacted through damage to buildings, lack of power and utilities, and inability of employees to come to work as a result of the same impact on their homes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation closed all programs and services on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> as a result of the impact on the reservation community and buildings; and
- WHEREAS,** discussions with Wisconsin Public Service has identified that electrical service may be restored as late as the evening of June 18<sup>th</sup> for many residents and further delay in repairing damage may occur as information becomes more available regarding downed power lines and other equipment; and


**WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee believes that a declaration of emergency should be ordered to allow Emergency Management to respond as needed to provide assistance and apply for necessary funding to assist in repairs, section 302.4-2;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** in accordance with section 302.8-1 of the Emergency Management Law, the Oneida Business Committee declares a public emergency and directs the Emergency Management Director to utilize the available resources to respond to the community, keep the community informed regarding the restoration of utilities and roads, and provide information regarding resources for community access to repair damage resulting from the June 15, 2022, weather emergency.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** the state of emergency shall be in place for 30 days.

#### 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 participated in an electronic vote (e-poll) which closed on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 6 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting\*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. The results of the e-poll will be entered into the record at the next Oneida Business Committee scheduled on July 13, 2022.

  
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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."