

# Oneida Nation

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## BC Resolution # 07-13-22-F

### Extension of Declaration of Public Health State of Emergency Until September 20, 2022

- 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 federal government has proclaimed a public health emergency related to the spread of the COVID-19 virus and has identified that the spread of the virus has resulted in large numbers of individuals becoming ill and high mortality rates, impacts to the stock markets, and businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** state governors, including the State of Wisconsin, have declared public health emergencies and state public health officers have issued orders, for example, closing public schools, limiting public gatherings, and closing restaurants and bars except for take-out orders; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 12, 2020 the Chairman declared a Public Health State of Emergency, the Oneida Business Committee took actions to take steps to protect the health and welfare of the members, employees and the community, including instituting expenditure restrictions to preserve resources for the provision of governmental services to members most at risk, closure of the Nation's gaming operations, and insuring that employees will continue to be paid during the Public Health State of Emergency as long as the Nation's resources will allow; and
- WHEREAS,** the Public Health State of Emergency has extended continuously since the initial declaration; and
- WHEREAS,** the status of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to change with identification of new variants and increases in positive rates and increased hospitalizations as identified by the U.S Centers for Disease Control (CDC) with recommendations being changed to reflect this constantly varying pandemic landscape; and
- WHEREAS,** the CDC is now recommending local review and actions based on lagging and leading indicators that show the ability of the local government and tribes to react to increasing and decreasing rates; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee continues to work with the Public Health Officer to understand the public health impacts of COVID-19 and its variants in order to have the most effective information regarding public health safety declarations and guidelines; and

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has determined that continuing the Public Health State of Emergency continues to be necessary and that its declaration should be longer given the ongoing pandemic impact and the inability to identify mechanisms to control for infection or protect the public;

*Extension of Public Health State of Emergency Declaration*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that in accordance with section 302.8-2 of the Emergency Management Law, the Oneida Business Committee extends the Public Health State of Emergency declaration ending at 11:59 p.m. on September 20, 2022.

**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 were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting\*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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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."