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BC Resolution # 07-27-22-P Scheduling a Virtual General Tribal Council Meeting

- 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 has continued to monitor the pandemic/endemic caused by the COVID-19 virus and the danger it poses to all members through the ease of transmission and danger effects on the health of elders, those with health issues, children, and others; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee desires to schedule and call to order a General Tribal Council meeting as a method of giving information to the members regarding the Oneida Nation's activities and receiving guidance regarding on-going policy decisions affecting day-to-day operations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee scheduled five meetings for 2022 after the COVID-19 shift from a pandemic to an endemic (local) effect and has canceled three of those five meetings because immediately prior to the meeting date the transmission and hospitalization rate for the Reservation rose to medium or high levels in accordance with the limitations on canceling meetings set by the General Tribal Council at its July, 17, 2017 meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has completed its review and recommendations regarding interactive virtual General Tribal Council meetings and presented that report at the July 2022 Semi-Annual meeting requesting General Tribal Council's approval of scheduling a future meeting in a virtual format which was canceled because medium and high levels of COVID-19 transmission rates was occurring on the Reservation and in the Milwaukee area; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has also identified that the General Tribal Council's November 19, 2012, directive that meetings be held only on the Reservation requires General Tribal Council to act to approve a virtual meeting as members attending will not be on the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has determined that the COVID-19 endemic and the fluctuating transmission rates make it impossible to schedule an in-person General Tribal Council meeting in a manner that will also protect the health and safety of the members attending such that utilizing the Oneida Business Committee's authority under Article III of the Constitution to schedule a virtual meeting during a period when the General Tribal Council cannot act; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee desires to direct the Secretary to present dates for a virtual General Tribal Council meeting by resolution to document the difficulty in calling meetings to order and the need to move forward with scheduling a meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic/endemic, the responsibility to cancel meetings where it is dangerous to the health of members in accordance with the July 2017 directive, the requirement to hold meetings on the Reservation in accordance with the November 2012 directive, hereby approves an exception to the on-Reservation requirement to schedule a virtual General Tribal Council meeting.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Secretary is directed to bring back dates to hold a virtual General Tribal Council meeting for Oneida Business Committee approval at the August 10, 2022, Oneida Business Committee regular meeting.

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 27th 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 2 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."