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BC Resolution # 03-22-23-C

Extension of the Emergency Adoption of the Oneida Life Insurance Plan Law

- 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 Life Insurance Plan law (“the Law”) was adopted by the Oneida Business Committee on an emergency basis on September 28, 2022, through the adoption of resolution BC-09-28-22-C; and
- WHEREAS,** the Law establishes the Oneida Life Insurance Plan (OLIPP) as an approved program of the Nation to govern how the Nation provides fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) of financial assistance to eligible members of the Nation to pay for funeral expenses, with any residual benefit amounts paid thereafter to the designated beneficiary; and
- WHEREAS,** the Legislative Procedures Act authorizes the Oneida Business Committee to enact legislation on an emergency basis when legislation is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare of the Reservation population, and the adoption of the legislation is required sooner than would be possible under the Legislative Procedures Act; and
- WHEREAS,** the emergency adoption of this Law was, and continues to be, necessary for the preservation of the general welfare of the Reservation population, as the Law shall ensure that the Oneida Trust Enrollment Department can continue the in-house management and oversight of the Oneida Life Insurance Plan now that the Epic contract terminated on September 30, 2022, in order to provide a smooth transition and uninterrupted service to the members of the Nation participating in the Oneida Life Insurance Plan and the beneficiaries that will emerge in the next fiscal year and beyond; and
- WHEREAS,** observance of the requirements under the Legislative Procedures Act for adoption of this Law was, and continues to be, contrary to public interest since the Epic contract for the management of OLIPP terminated on September 30, 2022, and the process and requirements of the Legislative Procedures Act cannot be completed in time to ensure that the Law can be adopted to address the management and oversight of the Oneida Life Insurance Plan by the Oneida Trust Enrollment Department prior to the termination date; and
- WHEREAS,** emergency adoption of legislation is effective for a period of six (6) months, renewable by the Oneida Business Committee for an additional six (6) month term; and

WHEREAS, the emergency adoption of this Law will expire on March 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a six (6) month extension of the emergency adoption of this Law is being requested to allow for the Law to remain in effect while the Legislative Operating Committee finalizes the development of the Law to be presented to the Oneida Business Committee for permanent adoption; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the emergency adoption of the Oneida Life Insurance Plan law is hereby extended for an additional six (6) month period effective March 28, 2023, and shall expire on September 28, 2023.

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; 5 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 22nd day of March, 2023; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 3 members for, 0 members against, and 1 member 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."