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BC Resolution # 03-27-24-B

Recognition of the Service of Members Serving on the Oneida Business Committee from 1969 to 1984

- 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,** in 1969 the Constitution was amended to move from a four member Oneida Executive Committee to a nine member Oneida Business Committee; and
- WHEREAS,** the members of the first term of the Oneida Business Committee were Chairman Purcell Powless, Vice Chairman Irene Moore, Secretary Amelia Cornelius, Treasurer Albert Manders who was replaced by Alma Webster, and Council Members Joycelyn Ninham, Ira Cornelius, Norbert Hill, Judy Barton, and Gordon McLester; and
- WHEREAS,** during this 15-year period from 1969 to 1984 there were five elected terms of office of which there were two different Chairmen, three different Vice Chairmen, five different Secretaries, and five different Treasurers; and
- WHEREAS,** this period included the creation of the bingo operations which grew into the Oneida Casino; the Oneida Tobacco Enterprise and outlets, the Oneida One Stops, a nursing home and health center, and multiple housing subdivisions; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee named the Irene Moore Activity Center, the David 'Sonny' King Gym, the Anna John Nursing Home, and the Norbert Hill Center; and
- WHEREAS,** there were ongoing language programs, the development of the tribal school beginning with kindergarten and elementary school, the development of the Museum and the Arts and Crafts Store; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee saw financial crises develop in 1981 which resulted in the first identified layoffs in the minutes, the centralization of accounting systems on the Nation's first computer system, and first time an Oneida Business Committee was sworn in at a separate ceremony rather than during a regular meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee adopted the Building Codes, Shoreland Protection Ordinance, Hunting and Fishing Law, Bingo Ordinance, Tobacco Ordinance, Garnishment Ordinance, and many other laws to govern the Oneida Nation as it began to grow and govern more activities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee adopts this resolution recognizing members who have serviced as Officers and Council Members on the Oneida Business Committee from 1969 through 1984 on behalf of this Nation.

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 March, 2024; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 members for, 0 members against, and 0 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."

1969-1972	Chair	Vice-Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Council	Council	Council	Council	Council
August 21, 1969	Purcell Powless	Irene Moore	Amelia Cornelius	Albert Manders	Joycelyn Ninham	Ira Cornelius	Norbert Hill	Julie 'Judy' Barton	Gordon McLester
April 6, 1970				Alma Webster					

1972-1975	Chair	Vice-Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Council	Council	Council	Council	Council
August 4, 1972	Purcell Powless	Irene Moore	Margaret Doxtator	Alma Webster	Wendell McLester	Eva Danforth	Norbert Hill	Loretta Ellis	Gordon McLester

1975-1978	Chair	Vice-Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Council	Council	Council	Council	Council
August 4, 1975	Purcell Powless	Norbert Hill, Sr.	Amelia Cornelius	Alma Webster	Ruth Baird	Rick Hill	Mervin Jordan	Irene Moore	Joycelyn Ninham
January 14, 1977					Robert Thomas		Wendell McLester	Loretta Metoxen	
April 25, 1977				Chester Smith, Jr.					Margaret Doxtator

1978-1981	Chair	Vice-Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Council	Council	Council	Council	Council
August 7, 1978	Purcell Powless	Norbert Hill	Patricia Misikin	Chester Smith	Margaret Doxtator	Myron Smith	Edwin King, Sr.	Mark Powless	Eugene Danforth
February 5, 1978									Loretta Metoxen
October 5, 1979			Wanda Webster	Wendell McLester					

1981-1984	Chair	Vice-Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Council	Council	Council	Council	Council
August 18, 1981	Gary Metoxen	Norbert Hill, Sr.	Wanda Webster	Wendell McLester	Tony Benson	Howard Cannon	Joy Ninham	Amelia Cornelius	Mark Powless
October 19, 1981								<i>Vacant</i>	
December 4, 1981								Frank Cornelius	
December 30, 1981			<i>Vacant</i>						
February 5, 1982			Gordon McLester						
June 29, 1982							<i>Vacant</i>		
August 10, 1982							Lloyd Powless		
October 4, 1982	<i>Suspended</i>			<i>Suspended</i>		<i>Suspended</i>	<i>Suspended</i>	<i>Suspended</i>	
October 25, 1982	<i>Vacant</i>			<i>Vacant</i>		<i>Vacant</i>		<i>Vacant</i>	
December 1, 1982	Purcell Powless			Kathy Hughes		Loretta Metoxen		Lois Powless	
June 27, 1983		Vacant							
August 10, 1983		Rick Hill							