

# Oneida Nation

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## **BC Resolution # 08-14-24-A 2023 ITBC Herd Development Grant Application Support**

- 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 Nation has determined that the overall goal of the Oneida Nation is to protect, maintain and improve the standard of living and the environment in which the Oneida people live; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Buffalo Herd Development Project promotes food sovereignty and self-sufficiency and is an integral component of the Oneida Community Integrated Food System (OCIFS) because it provides high quality, hormone-free, traditional bison meat products for the improved health and well-being of the Oneida Community; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is committed to maintaining long-term support for the Oneida Buffalo Herd Development Project; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has on several occasions in the past, on behalf of the Oneida Nation, expressed their support through resolutions for similar grant applications and the InterTribal Buffalo Council; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida Nation authorizes and supports the Oneida Farm's submission of a grant application to the InterTribal Buffalo Council for the purposes of restoring and supporting the Oneida Buffalo Herd Development Project in a manner that is culturally, ecologically and economically self-sustaining, and supportive of the Oneida Nations nutritional goals and community health. The official Tribal representative to the InterTribal Buffalo Council shall be Thomas Swiecichowski, Oneida Farm Manager and his alternate shall be Vanessa Miller, Food & Agricultural Area Manager.

#### **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 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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.



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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."