

Oneida Nation

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BC Resolution # 08-28-24-B Oneida Reads Proclamation

- 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 identified that the advancement of our Nation depends a great deal on a member's ability to read; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee receives reports from the Oneida School Board and the Education and Training Department both of which review the current status of knowledge and skills of members from pre-school to graduate school and technical trades; and
- WHEREAS,** the Education and Training Department has identified that 3rd grade reading proficiency results for Native students represent an urgent crisis; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee supports the Education and Training Department convening cross-sector partnerships to help us work to ensure that every Oneida student reads proficiently by the end of 3rd grade has adopted the name "*Oneida Reads*" for this work moving forward; and
- WHEREAS,** achieving our long-term goal of 100% of Oneida kids reading proficiently by 3rd grade will require engagement from diverse stakeholders and Council Woman Jennifer Webster is the Oneida Reads Community Champion and will attend many of the sessions as an advocate for 3rd grade reading proficiency; and
- WHEREAS,** by prioritizing the implementation of Wisconsin's Act 20 and the Science of Reading methodologies, we can give our Oneida kids the best possible chance at educational success; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee, through the operations of the Oneida Nation organization, believes that providing opportunities and assistance, we can and will achieve and advance our responsibilities to each other and Mother Earth; and

WHEREAS, Oneida Nation is urgently committed to improving our 3rd grade reading proficiency knowing that the necessary systems change will be a long journey that will require a sustained focus over the next decade or more;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee proclaims August 2024 through August 2025 as "*Mission: Oneida Reads*" and commits our resources to creating improvement in reading skills from youth through adult.

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 28th 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.



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."