

# Oneida Nation

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## BC Resolution # 11-13-24-F

### Addressing Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Disparities: The American Indigenous Cognitive Assessment (AMICA) Phase 2

- 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 proposed project is a five-year grant awarded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) with funding through the National Institute on Aging (NIA) to the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed project research aims to develop a culturally appropriate dementia evaluation toolkit with American Indian communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the AMICA toolkit will be comprised of four interview-based instruments: (a.) A cognitive assessment (e.g., test used to determine potential deficiency in reasoning, thinking, or learning abilities); (b.) Caregiver report of symptoms of dementia; (c.) Evaluation of depression symptoms; (d.) Inventory of changes in activities of daily living (ADLs); and
- WHEREAS,** Phase 2 of this project will aim to recruit 120 dyadic pairs from the Oneida Nation. Half of the participants completing the cognitive assessments will be cognitively healthy and half of the participants completing the cognitive assessments will have cognitive impairments ranging from mild cognitive impairment to moderate dementia; and
- WHEREAS,** each dyad will complete a series of tools and assessments, be interviewed on their experience and comfort during assessment, and meet with a study nurse to complete a brief medical evaluation; and
- WHEREAS,** participants will be recruited for this Phase of the project through multiple methods to include: currently enrolled UW-Madison ADRC participants, community referrals through Oneida Home Health Nurses, Comprehensive Health providers and Dementia Care Specialists, Community event tabling, Kaliwisaks Advertisements, Social Media; and
- WHEREAS,** data collected will be used to determine if the AMICA tools measure what they are intended to, and if they offer comparable diagnostic information as the standard evaluation by testing both reliability and validity of the AMICA measurements; and

**WHEREAS,** the outcome/end result is a culturally-safe set of assessment measures adapted for use with US Indigenous communities that provides reliable and valid dementia diagnostic information; and

**WHEREAS,** this resolution will grant the authority and approval for the Oneida Nation participants only; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the proposed project submitted is from the University of Wisconsin Dr. Cary Gleason as the Principal Lead investigator.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that data collected will be de-identified to protect confidentiality and minimize any risk associated with the completion of this study and/or any future phases of this project will require additional approvals in accordance with Resolution BC-05-08-19A.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that all projects stemming from this partnership will follow the principals followed for UW research: Research serves the Oneida Nation's needs and goals; as a part of AMICA will continue to provide community-requested programs open to all Oneida community members; Organic Advocacy and Capacity Building; Indigenous leadership; Indigenous scholars and clinical trainees; Data Sovereignty; and Cultural Humility, safety, and dismantling colonization.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that any data collected will remain the property of the Oneida Nation and any publication of results will require prior approval of the Oneida Nation Business Committee.

#### 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; 9 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 8 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."