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BC Resolution # 02-26-25-B

Authorizing the Use of Self-Governance Funds for the Purchase of Fire Protection Equipment for the Town of Oneida Volunteer Fire Department

- 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 a compact and funding agreement with the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) pursuant to Title IV of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638); and
- WHEREAS,** in accordance with the funding agreement, the Oneida Nation assumes responsibility for implementing the Community Fire Protection program; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fire Protection program supports Tribal fire staff, trains volunteer firefighters, repairs existing firefighting equipment, and purchases additional equipment. Funding is also used to purchase smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and emergency lights to ensure the fire safety of Tribal buildings; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation does not currently have its own fire department but relies on surrounding municipalities to provide fire protection services; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Oneida Volunteer Fire Department provides fire protection services to the Oneida Nation and its members; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Oneida has requested financial assistance for the purchase of "air-pack" breathing apparatuses and compressors for the Town of Oneida Volunteer Fire Department; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation understands the importance of having proper fire protection equipment to ensure the Oneida Nation's people, land, and resources are protected; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee determined that the members of the Oneida Nation will be better protected with the purchase of the fire protection equipment; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee authorizes Self-Governance funds designated for Community Fire Protection services in the amount of \$59,326, from Fiscal Years 2019-2024, be used for the purchase of fire protection equipment for the Town of Oneida Volunteer Fire Department.

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; 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 26th day of February 2025; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 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."