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BC Resolution # 03-26-25-H

Obligation for Amelia Cornelius Culture Park Visitor Center Utilizing Tribal Contribution Savings

- 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 received Fiscal Recovery Funds (*FRF*) through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (*ARPA*) funds to address matters arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has approved application of ARPA FRF through the revenue loss formula set forth in 31 CFR 35.6(d)(2) which applied these federal funds throughout the Nation's budget to governmental programs business units beginning with "42#####"; and
- WHEREAS,** the savings from the application of these funds has resulted in tribal funds being placed in the line "Tribal Contribution Savings" in the Investment Report presented in the Treasurer's Report; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has determined that Tribal Contribution Savings funds should be used as set out in resolution # BC-06-09-21-B, as amended by resolution # BC-06-23-21-C which designates percentage allocations to eight categories (*percentages rounded*) –
- Direct Membership Assistance, 45% of funds;
 - Housing, 17% of funds;
 - Food and Agriculture, 12% of funds;
 - Education, 6% of funds;
 - Culture and Language, 10% of funds;
 - Revenue Generations, 2% of funds;
 - Government Roles and Responsibilities, 3% of funds;
 - Overall Priority – Land, Infrastructure, Sovereignty, 5% of funds; and
- WHEREAS,** the Amelia Cornelius Culture Park Visitor Center will allow visitors of all walks and abilities to safely come, explore and learn about the Oneida Nation's sovereignty, culture, traditions, history and provide an Oneida tourism asset to enhance the visitor's experience; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation established requirements for projects to include surveillance systems after the project scope and budget were approved; and

- WHEREAS,** the project's estimated costs have escalated from inflation and various delays in developing the project beyond that anticipated in the original project budget; and
- WHEREAS,** the Project Owner for the proposed project is requesting \$767,500 obligated from the Tribal Contribution Savings, Culture and Language category; and
- WHEREAS,** this project will be concluded by December 31, 2027; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has reviewed the proposed project; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee approves the obligation of funds for the Amelia Cornelius Culture Park Visitor Center in the amount of \$767,500 from Tribal Contribution Savings, Culture and Language category; with Mark W. Powless, General Manager assigned as the Project Owner.

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 March 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."