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BC Resolution # 06-11-25-A

Proclamation Recognizing the Month of June as Pride Month and Encouraging Educational, Celebratory, and Supportive Community Activities that Uplift and Affirm LGBTQI+ Identities

- 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,** Indigenous cultures, including the Oneida Nation, historically acknowledge and respect diverse gender expressions and identities, notably Two-Spirit identities, which hold distinct cultural and spiritual roles within the community; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (LGBTQI+) community is diverse and includes a spectrum of identities/experiences, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, other non-cisgender, non-heterosexual, and two-spirit; and
- WHEREAS,** in the United States of America, Pride Month is observed in June to commemorate the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall riots which were pivotal part of events related to LGBTQI+ rights in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** Pride Month is an opportunity to learn, support, engage, and foster allyship with the LGBTQI+ community and is a time to celebrate, explore, honor each other, our diversity, our shared experiences, our shared challenges, and our growth as a community; and
- WHEREAS,** everyone regardless of their ability, age, gender identity, marital status, race, religion, or sexuality have the right to be safe and to not be discriminated against nor harassed; and
- WHEREAS,** resolution # 11-12-14-B re-affirmed the Oneida Nation's core values, The Good Mind as expressed by Onlyote?a·ká:
- Kahletsyalúsla, which is the heartfelt encouragement of the best in each of us
 - Kanolukhwásla, which is the compassion, caring, identity, and joy of being
 - Ka?nikuhli·yó, which is the openness of the good spirit and mind
 - Ka?tshatstúsla, which is the strength of belief and vision as a people
 - Kalihwi·yó, which is the use of the good words about ourselves, our nation and our future
 - Twahwahtsílalay, which is all of us are family
 - Yukwatsístay, which is our fire, our spirit within each of us; and

WHEREAS, the principles of The Good Mind naturally align with promoting an inclusive and safe community, demonstrating compassion, openness, and respect for the LGBTQI+ community; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of June as Pride Month affirms the Oneida Nation's commitment to the inclusivity and safety for everyone and exemplifies The Good Mind;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee recognizes the month of June as Pride Month and encourages educational, celebratory, and supportive community activities that uplift and affirm LGBTQI+ identities.

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 11th day of June 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."