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BC Resolution # 04-22-26-I

Ratification of Declaration of Public Emergency on the Oneida Reservation Ending on April 22, 2026 - Significant Flooding Event

- 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 adopted the Emergency Management Law, 3 O.C. 302, to set forth a process by which the Oneida Nation responds to an emergency “situation that poses an immediate risk to health, life, safety, property, or environment which requires urgent intervention to prevent further illness, injury, death, or other worsening of the situation”, 3 O.C. 302.3-1(f); and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Reservation has seen significant rainfall exacerbated by melting snow from the recent blizzard cumulating into significant and severe flooding throughout the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Weather Service predicts additional significant rainfall over the next several days which will increase flooding issues and cause additional flooding on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has received reports from the Emergency Management Director regarding flooding on the Reservation and actions taken by departments within the Nation and through public declarations of local governments such as road closures and evacuation orders for public safety; and
- WHEREAS,** the Emergency Management Director issued a declaration of a public emergency which allows the authorities granted in the Emergency Management Law to obtain resources to address flooding and activates programming within the Nation to meet the needs of members impacted by the flooding; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee hereby ratifies the Emergency Management Director’s declaration of an emergency event on the Oneida Reservation that resulted in flooding caused by the recent and ongoing predicted storms which has been concluded prior to the Oneida Business Committee meeting on April 22, 2026, and hereby closes that emergency event.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee has determined that this emergency declaration does not require the creation of an Emergency Core Decision Making Team as set forth in 3 O.C. 302.9 and identifies that the authority granted in 3 O.C. 302.4 to the Emergency Management Department is sufficient to ensure that resources are identified and allocated where necessary, and to support purchasing of equipment or supplies.

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 22nd day of April, 2026; 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."