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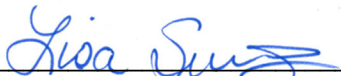
BC Resolution # 08-12-20-G
BIA-2020-LLGP, LIVING LANGUAGES GRANT PROGRAM (LLGP)
Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

- 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 and General Tribal Council have always identified the value and priority of the language as representing who we are as a people, see for example resolution # GTC-07-06-93-A directive of the General Tribal Council to publish hymnal books in the Oneida language and Oneida Business Committee actions creating a pilot linguistics program by resolution # BC-09-10-73, recognition of language speakers Mary Jourdan and Melinda Doxtator by resolutions # BC-05-04-90-A and B, creation of the Language Revitalization Fund by resolution # BC-01-28-04-A; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation has developed and maintained Oneida Language Revitalization programming, whose mission is to preserve, protect, and maintain the Oneida traditions, language, customs, and history in a manner that shall promote the dignity and respect of the Oneida people and culture; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation realizes that our language is undeniably intertwined with our culture and is the basis to communicate our history and traditions; and, the Oneida language is in a critical stage of being lost with only a few community members speaking the Oneida language fluently; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation has realized the urgent need to assess the status of all speakers and implement plans to educate and promote our language and culture to all community members; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the U.S. Department of the Interior, has funds available for community-based projects to revitalize and teach native language languages.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Nation fully supports, authorizes and submits a grant application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the U.S. Department of the Interior, LIVING LANGUAGES GRANT PROGRAM (LLGP) to assist in the efforts to strengthen Oneida language.

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; 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 12th day of August, 2020; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Lisa Summers, Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."