



ONEIDA INDIAN NATION

DECLARATION OF IRREVOCABLE WAIVER OF IMMUNITY

Ordinance No.: O-10-1

TO OUR BROTHERS, on 2 December 1794, here at our homelands of the Oneida Nation, a Treaty was entered into with the United States of America which reflected the unique and special relationship between our governments and recognized the costly and severe wartime sacrifices made by the Oneida people in alliance with the American people in the War of Independence; and

BROTHERS, just one month before, on 11 November 1794, the United States made the Treaty of Canandaigua, the United States' oldest treaty still valid, confirming, among other things, the ongoing government-to-government relationship between the United States and the Nation; and

BROTHERS, the Nation chooses to preserve its sovereignty and also its rights acknowledged by the United States in its treaty relationship with the Nation, and also wishes to promote a peaceful and harmonious relationship with its neighbors today and unto the Seventh Generation; and

BROTHERS, that peaceful and harmonious relationship would be served by removing any controversy or doubt as to the Nation's ongoing commitment to resolve disputes.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE NATION BY VIRTUE OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND INHERENT POWERS OF SELF GOVERNMENT,

The Nation hereby waives, irrevocably and perpetually, its sovereign immunity to enforcement of real property taxation through foreclosure by state, county and local governments within and throughout the United States. The Nation does not waive any other rights, challenges or defenses it has with respect to its liability for, or the lawful amount of, real property taxes.

ENACTED THIS 29th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2010.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Halbritter", is written over a horizontal line.

Ray Halbritter
Nation Representative