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## Memo

To: Oneida Business Committee

From: Melinda J. Danforth, Vice-Chairwoman **MJD** (ES)

Date: October 16, 2014

Re: Chief Judges' Request to Adjust Judiciary Transition Timeline – Add On

This memorandum serves as a request for the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) to accept the recommendation from the new Judiciary Chief Judges, Gerald L. Hill and Denise Beans, to adjust the Judiciary transition implementation timeline.

## **Background**

On Thursday, October 16, 2014, the Tribal Secretary was briefed by the Chief Judges on the situational analysis they completed this week. Through this briefing, the Chief Judges are bringing to our attention the need to make adjustments to the transition resolution which provides the guidance for implementing the new Judiciary.

The attached correspondence from the Chief Judge(s) indicates the delay in the election of the Judges has created a ripple effect. In order to ensure a successful transition into the new system for both the incoming Judges and the community, the recommended case acceptance date is January 5, 2015.

Upon review of the remainder of the transition resolution, there are no other anticipated adjustments at this time.

## **Requested Action**

- 1. Accept the Chief Judges requested action to adjust the Judiciary transition timeline to January 5, 2015,
- 2. Direct the Judiciary transition team to provide a close out report to General Tribal Council during the January 5, 2015 Annual meeting, including an introduction of all the new Judges at the January 5, 2015 Annual General Tribal Council Meeting, and
- 3. Direct the Judiciary Communication Sub-Team to work with the new Chief Judges to communicate the timeline adjustment to tribal members

cc: Judiciary Transition Team