

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE



Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.



UGWA DEMOLUM YATEHE  
Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in cementing a friendship between the six nations and the colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made possible.

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### BC Resolution # 5-10-00-C

#### *Resolution Appointing Representatives to the Wisconsin Inter Tribal Repatriation Committee*

- WHEREAS the Oneida General Tribal Council is the duly recognized governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of the Wisconsin, and
- WHEREAS, the General Tribal Council has been delegated the authority of the Constitution of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee may be delegated duties and responsibilities by the Oneida General Tribal Council and is at all times subject to the review powers of the Oneida General Tribal Council, and
- WHEREAS, on November 16, 1990, President George Bush signed into law P.L. 101-601, the Native America Graves Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin has the understanding that with the passage of P.L. 101-601, that social, financial, legal and governmental efforts are needed on our part for the ultimate purpose of returning our ancestors and the repatriation of sacred objects, objects of cultural patrimony, associated and unassociated funerary objects, and
- WHEREAS, the historical fact that the Onyotaka have never had the tradition of unearthing ancestral remains or allowing anyone outside the nation or the territories of the Haudenosaunee to be in possession of what we consider sacred objects, associated or unassociated funerary objects or objects of cultural patrimony has compelled us to develop the Onyotaka Repatriation Program and to appoint official contacts to be identified to the National Park Service to conduct business on behalf of the Oneida Nation for the purpose of repatriation under P.L. 101-601,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee appoints the following individuals as a signatory and alternates to represent the interests of the Oneida Nation in the Wisconsin Inter Tribal Repatriation Committee, a subcommittee of the Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council, for the purpose of working in conjunction with the eleven federally recognized nations in Wisconsin on the issue of unidentified, unclaimed human remains held within museums and federal agencies under the jurisdiction of P.L. 101-601.

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Dr. Carol Cornelius

Signatory

Corina Williams

Alternate

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the signatory shall have the primary goal of identification of a common burial ground with the eleven federally recognized nations in Wisconsin and reinterment of ancestral remains of native people from the State of Wisconsin.

#### 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. 7 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 10th day of May, 2000; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 members for; 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not be rescinded or amended in any way,



Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee