

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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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.



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

## ONEIDA OPPOSITION OF ELIMINATION OF FOSTER GRANDPARENT AND SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAMS

### RESOLUTION #7-05-95-C

- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, 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 Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs are active and valuable programs which involve community elders and youth, and
- WHEREAS, the House Budget Committee has proposed to eliminate the Corporation for National Service and the FGP, SCP, and RSVP Programs, and
- WHEREAS, since 1977 these programs have provided valuable interaction between the youth and our elders, while providing services not only to private homes, but Headstarts, Public Schools, Daycares, Group Homes, Tribal Schools, Cultural Centers, Alternative Schools, Juvenile Systems, and has helped our homebound frail elders to stay at home instead of being placed in nursing homes at greater cost and loss of homes and dignity, and
- WHEREAS, these programs serve as tools to keep our elders connected and cared for, and keeps the elders involved with the children to maintain and ensure that our traditions and culture are carried on, and

WHEREAS, our elders need the small stipend that they receive bi-weekly for volunteering their time to their communities, and

WHEREAS, if the proposed cuts to these programs are made, the chances of restoring these programs are virtually non-existent, and

WHEREAS, all Tribes will not be able to keep these programs operating if the cuts are made, and

WHEREAS, without these programs the elders would once again be threatened and this would eliminate 15 low income elders serving 306 children in Foster Grandparent Program, and 6 elders serving 95 frail and homebound elderly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Nation hereby opposes the elimination of these programs and/or cuts to these programs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that copies of this resolution upon adoption shall be forwarded to the appropriate agencies and to Congress.

**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. 9 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 5th day of July, 1995; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 8 members for; 0 members against; and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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Deborah Doxtator, Chairwoman  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE