

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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

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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.

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WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council is the duly recognized governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the General Tribal Council has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section I of the Oneida Tribal Constitution, 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, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is empowered under the Tribe's Self Governance Contract to choose, employ, and contract with legal counsel, and

WHEREAS, the Branch Law Firm of Albuquerque, New Mexico, has filed a mass tort claim against numerous United States tobacco companies, the basis for which is an allegation that the Plaintiff Indian Tribes incurred medical expenses in treating Tribal members' tobacco related diseases and are demanding compensation from the Defendant tobacco companies for these injuries, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe has determined that it wishes to join the lawsuit filed on behalf of Indian Tribes against the Defendant tobacco companies,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee hereby approves the hiring of the Branch Law Firm to represent the Oneida Tribe in the lawsuit filed on behalf of Indian Tribes against the Defendant tobacco companies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee hereby approves the attached Professional Services Contract in order to hire the Branch Law Firm, and hereby authorizes the Chairperson and another designated officer of the Oneida Business Committee to execute the attached Professional Services Contract.

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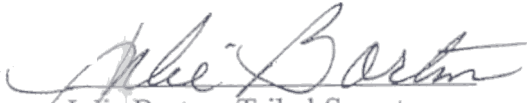
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee appoints Chief Counsel of the Oneida Law Office to act as the Project Manager in this matter, as indicated in the attached Professional Services Contract.

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 1st day of September, 1999; that the foregoing 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.


Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee