

# 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.



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.

RESOLUTION # 11-13-91-B

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 Oneida Tribe joined the National Indian Gaming Association to advance the understanding of the public as to the importance of gaming as a legitimate source of revenue for tribal governments, and

WHEREAS, another purpose of joining other tribes in NIGA was to present a united voice to the United States Congress to exercise its trust responsibility to Indian governments and people by assisting them in protecting their sovereign regulatory authority from infringement by local and state governments, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe believes that NIGA can take the responsibility of leadership and representation as it has stated in the past by:

1. Employing Indian people in spokesman positions,
2. Working in concert with other national Indian organizations to protect tribal governmental interests,
3. Speaking out vigorously in Congress, before the National Indian Gaming Commission, and other agencies of governments that interact with tribes that conduct gaming,
4. Communicating openly, directly and frequently with NIGA member governments, seeking their counsel and response to positions proposed by Officers and the Executive Committee.

WHEREAS, NIGA, by its Executive Committee in Miami, Florida, on November 4, 1991, took action to employ Attorney Henry Buffalo as its Executive Director for an interim period not to exceed 90 days, and the firm of Girard and Ducheneaux as its lobbyists for the same period and by implication replaced Manny Fierro who in the past had assumed these responsibilities with the acquiescence of the elected officers of NIGA but who served without either contract or job description, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Oneida Tribe that the actions of NIGA, taken in Florida and referred to above be communicated to:

1. the NIGA membership
2. the appropriate committees of Congress
3. the National Indian Gaming Commission
4. other National Indian organizations, and
5. to Manny Fierro who should be informed that he is relieved of any further responsibilities for NIGA, and

WHEREAS, it was apparent at the Florida meeting that NIGA is operating under a confusion of old and new by-laws, misunderstanding of the composition of the Executive Committee and a general misapprehension of its intra-member, officer, committee relationships, and


WHEREAS, the most recent notices of the National Indian Gaming Commission regarding definitions under IGRA and scheduled hearings could lead to litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the the Oneida Tribe hereby names and authorizes its attorneys, Gerald L. Hill, Sharon House and Francis R. Skenandore, and government representative Tribal Secretary, Amelia Cornelius, to attend the California Nevada Indian Gaming Association meeting in Reno on November 18, 19, 20, 1991, and the NIGA meeting scheduled at the same time and place to represent the interests recited above and any other matters which, in their judgment, should be addressed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida Tribe requests and recommends that NIGA accelerate its scheduled elections in April, 1992, to a date within the interim period recited above to bring a quicker resolution to the present state of affairs.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 13 day of Nov., 1991; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 members for; 0 members against; and 1 not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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Amelia Cornelius, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee