

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 # 11-16-95-A

- 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 I of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is one of three successor communities to the original Oneida Nation, and
- WHEREAS, these three communities (the "Oneida Nation") established their right to territory in the State of New York in two Supreme Court decisions, *Oneida Indian Nation v. County of Oneida*, 414 U.S. 661 (1974) and *County of Oneida v. Oneida Indian Nation*, 470 U.S. 226 (1985), and
- WHEREAS, settlement negotiations between the State of New York and the Oneida Nation are finally beginning ten years after the Supreme Court ruled that the Oneida Nation was able to sue for the recovery of title to lands conveyed in violation of the Non-Intercourse Act, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is hopeful that these negotiations will result in a settlement acceptable by both the Nation and the State of New York, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin needs to be prepared for legal challenges to its participation in the settlement negotiations and in any additional proceedings made necessary by the failure of said negotiations, and

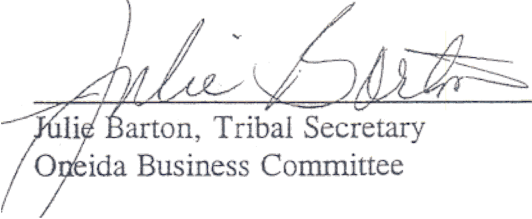
WHEREAS, the failure of said negotiations will also cause the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin to incur substantial costs in order to initiate new legal action, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin wishes to seek the assistance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs with the costs of legal research and the possible costs of initiating new legal action against the current occupants of the claim area,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin hereby declares its intention to seek litigation support funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the amount of \$35,000.00 for the purpose of assisting in the research of legal issues relating to its land claims, and to defray the expense of new legal action in the event that current settlement negotiations between the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, the other Oneida communities, and the State of New York prove unsuccessful.

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 16th day of November, 1995; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such a meeting by a vote of 6 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

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