



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 Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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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 #11-24-93-F

- 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 National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is the oldest national Indian organization and is recognized by the Federal Government and representation of a majority of the Federally recognized Indian Tribes throughout the country, and
- WHEREAS, we wish to endorse and support a Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin to establish a program of direct loans for native American Veterans living on trust lands, and
- WHEREAS, the law requires, as a condition of making these loans available, that the tribal organization which has jurisdiction over the veteran enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) with respect to such loans, and
- WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), must approve this agreement as it pertains to Native American trust lands,
- NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereto do agree and establish as follows:
1. That the Department of Veterans Affairs will make direct loans available to qualified Native American Veterans for the purchase of homes on trust lands to the extent funds are available and subject to such terms and conditions as may be established by VA.
 2. That the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin has established standards and procedures that apply to the conveyance of a leasehold interest security for the loan, including procedures for resale of

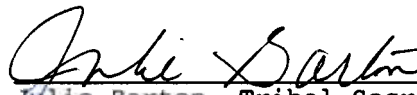
the lot or the dwelling (or both) purchased, constructed, or improved using the proceeds of the loan. A sample ordinance which prescribes the minimum requirements for such standards and procedures is attached as Exhibit 1.

3. That each Native American who is under the jurisdiction of the tribal organization and to whom VA makes a direct loan holds, processes or will obtain a leasehold or other acceptable interest in a lot that is located on trust land and will purchase, construct, or improve a dwelling on that lot with the proceeds of the VA direct loan. A sample residential lease acceptable to VA and BIA is attached as Exhibit 2.
4. That each such Native American will convey the above described interest to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, by an appropriate instrument, as security for the direct housing loan made pursuant to Title 38 U.S. Code 3761.
5. That the tribal organization and such veteran who obtains a loan from VA under this agreement will permit VA, its agents and employees to enter upon the trust land of the tribe and the Veteran for the purpose of carrying out such actions as the Secretary determines are necessary to evaluate the advisability of the loan and to any purchases, construction, or improvements carried out using the proceeds of the loan.
6. The tribal organization will to the maximum extent possible assist the VA in the efforts to manage this program in a prudent and cost-effective manner. This will include assisting VA in finding qualified substitute purchasers if the initial borrower is unable to fulfill their obligations under the law, carrying out evictions, assuring that mortgages and other legal instruments can be properly recorded and otherwise assuring that the program is operated in a responsible and prudent manner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin encourages NCAI to also support and endorse this Memorandum of Understanding.

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. 9 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 24TH day of NOVEMBER, 1993; 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.



Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee