

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 BUSINESS COMMITTEE



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UGWA DEMOLUM YATEHE Because of the help of this Oneida Chlef in cementing a friendship between the six nations and the colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made possible.

# RESOLUTION #<u>6-20-07-A</u> Tribal Participation in Nation-Wide Elder Survey "Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders II"

- 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 of Indians of Wisconsin has determined that the overall goal of the Oneida Nation is to protect, maintain and improve the standard of living and the environment in which the Oneida people live, and
- WHEREAS, Long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, personal care, housekeeping assistance, meals-on-wheels, skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other in-home services, is an emerging unmet need in Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS, the University of North Dakota National Resource Center on Native American Aging and the National Society for American Indian Elderly has been awarded a grant through the Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, to provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of Native elderly and assist Tribes in conducting a needs assessment which is a requirement for their AoA grant; and
- **WHEREAS**, the needs assessment is designed to yield information on the following Native elderly health care needs:
  - General Health Status
  - Activities of Daily Living
  - Visual, Hearing and Dental

- Tobacco and Alcohol Use
- Nutrition, Exercise, and Excess Weight
- Social Support, Housing and Work
- WHEREAS, In addition to providing technical assistance, the grant to the University of North Dakota National Resource Center on Native American Aging is required by the Older Americans Act to perform research and disseminate the results of the research, and
- WHEREAS, the University of North Dakota National Resource Center on Native American Aging is asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement, to identify the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native elders nationwide, in which the University and the Tribe will each assume responsibilities:

# What the University of North Dakota will provide:

Assistance in sampling

Training of interviewers

Consultation with interviewers via email or telephone

Data entry and analysis

Data storage

Production of tables and comparisons with national statistics

## What the National Society for American Indian Elderly will provide:

Needs assessment instruments

Project Support

Local coordination of activities for the needs assessment

### What each Tribe will provide:

A Tribal Resolution documenting participation in the Native elder social and health needs assessment

A list of elders to interview

Interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey

Interpretation of the results with local input

Development of recommendations for actions

Dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and health officials

- WHEREAS, summary information from the needs assessment, along with a national comparison report from all the Tribal needs assessments, will be returned to the Tribal Council and to the Tribal contact person, and
- WHEREAS, the confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal information is of the utmost importance; therefore, the information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by tribal members with the information stored at the UND School of

Medicine and Health Sciences within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of three years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe of Indian of Wisconsin hereby authorizes the participation in the "Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders II" Native elder social and health needs assessment project and grants permission to the University of North Dakota National Resource Center on Native American Aging and the National Society for American Indian Elderly to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analyses of the data.

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED:** that specific data collected within the boundaries of the Oneida Tribe belongs to the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies or organizations without additional tribal authorization

#### 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. 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2007; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 members for; 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary Oneida Business Committee

#### **SYNOPSIS**

The Elderly Services Program receives funding through the Administration on Aging, Title VI - Nutrition Services grant. One of the requirements of this grant is to conduct needs assessments. In order to fulfill this requirement the Administration on Aging has given a grant to the University of North Dakota National Resource Center on Native American Aging to perform research and disseminate the results of this research. The University is asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate.

This resolution will authorize participation and grant permission to the University to use all collected data for the purpose disseminating state, regional, and national results from analyses of the data.