

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

## Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin BUSINESS COMMITTEE



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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.

## **RESOLUTION # 11-12-08-A**

Redesign of the BIA Welfare Assistance Program for CY 2008 and Subsequent Years

- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian government, a Treaty Tribe recognized by the laws of the United States, and a Self-Governance Tribe with the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs and with the Department of Health and Human Service's Indian Health Service; 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 authority under Article IV, Section 1 of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin to protect and improve the resources, the standards of living, and the environment in which the Oneida people live while maintaining, enforcing, and exercising the sovereign rights of the Oneida Nation; and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe has entered into a Compact of Self-Governance with the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs and has negotiated a Funding Agreement with the Bureau for Calendar Year 2008; and
- WHEREAS, the Compact and Funding Agreement enable the Oneida Tribe to redesign programs included in the Funding Agreement without further approval from the Secretary of the Interior unless otherwise indicated in the Funding Agreement; and
- WHEREAS, the BIA Welfare Assistance Program is included in the Oneida Tribe's CY 2008 Funding Agreement and there are no restrictions regarding the redesign of this Program; and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe has determined that a redesign of the BIA Welfare Assistance Program will better serve the interests of the Oneida Community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin approves the redesign of the BIA Welfare Assistance Program for CY 2008 and subsequent years to include: 1) increasing individual assistance award amounts to the level provided by the State of Wisconsin's TANF Program; 2) including an Emergency Assistance component to be defined as loss of shelter due to flood, fire, or other natural disaster; and 3) expanding the service delivery area to include jurisdictions bordering the Oneida Reservation.

## 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. 9 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 8 members for, 0 members against, 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Patricia Hoeft, Secretary Oneida Business Committee

According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section I, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."