

Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn 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





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

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## GTC Resolution #<u>6-28-08-A</u> Support of Purchase of Thornberry Creek Country Club & Golf Course and Related Properties in Bankruptcy Court

- WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council is the duly recognized governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and
- WHEREAS, the General Tribal Council has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section I of the Oneida Tribal Constitution, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee may be delegated duties and responsibilities by the Oneida General Tribal Council and is at all times subject to the review powers of the Oneida General Tribal Council, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians has committed to the repurchase of all lands within the Reservation originally granted by Treaty; and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has previously identified that the purchase of Thornberry Creek Golf Course is not in the best interests of the Tribe as a result of the limitations and restrictions placed on the lands under its current title by the owners and the Village of Hobart; and
- WHEREAS, the owners of the golf course and related properties have filed for bankruptcy under federal law and that opportunities for purchasing the property without the limitations and restrictions have become available making the purchase of interest to the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has requested proposals from corporations of the Tribe as well as enterprises of the Tribe regarding the feasibility of operating a golf course as an amenity of those businesses; and
- WHEREAS, the Land Commission met with the Oneida Business Committee prior to negotiation of the bankruptcy purchase of these lands and determined that this was within the land acquisition goals of the 20/20 Plan and supported the Oneida Business Committee's actions to negotiate a purchase of the land; and

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- WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee believes that the acquisition of the business and property and its related properties for \$12.2 million is in the best interests of the Tribe in consolidating its land holdings and guiding future development regarding those properties; and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee believes that the purchase price offered to the bank holding the loans regarding the business and properties is a reasonable offer; and
- WHEREAS, the purchase of this property was not included within the budget for Fiscal Year 2008 and is not being purchased with funds allocated for land acquisition such that ratification by the General Tribal Council of the purchase is necessary; and
- WHEREAS, the Land Commission has ratified the proposed purchase in accordance with the authority delegated to that entity to acquire and manage the purchase of all lands as set forth in the Real Property Law; and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has submitted an offer to purchase the Thornberry Creek Country Club & Golf Course and related properties that is subject to the support of the General Tribal Council in order to proceed with the purchase;

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT** the General Tribal Council supports the purchase of Thornberry Creek Country Club & Golf Course and related properties and authorizes the Oneida Business Committee to take steps to complete the transaction.

## CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida General Tribal Council in session with a quorum of <u>1,190</u> members present at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held on the  $28^{TH}$  day of <u>June</u>, <u>2008</u>, that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a unanimous vote of those present and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in anyway.

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE