

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin



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.

BC Resolution 01-22-14-B Amendments to the Pardon and Forgiveness Law

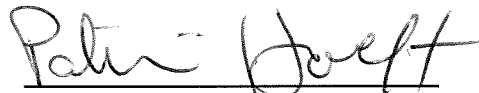
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States of America, and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council, and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Pardon and Forgiveness Law was adopted by Resolution BC-05-25-11-A, and was effective September 30, 2011, and
- WHEREAS,** the Pardon and Forgiveness law established a process for Tribal member to receive pardons for criminal convictions and for Tribal and non-Tribal members to receive forgiveness for acts that make them ineligible for Tribal employment, licenses, certifications, permits, housing or benefits, and
- WHEREAS,** Emergency Amendments to the Pardon and Forgiveness law were enacted on January 23, 2013 and extended on July 10, 2013 to amend the makeup of the Screening Committee so that the backlog of applicants could be processed, and
- WHEREAS,** the Emergency Amendments allowed the Screening Committee to work on a probationary basis and report to the Oneida Business Committee concerns they had with implementation of the law so that further appropriate amendments could be made, and
- WHEREAS,** the permanent amendments to the Pardon and Forgiveness law explains the eligibility requirements for a pardon or a forgiveness, and
- WHEREAS,** the permanent amendments also authorizes the Tribal Secretary's Office to handle all applications and sets out the duties and responsibilities of the Screening Committee, Tribal Secretary's Office and the Oneida Business Committee, and
- WHEREAS,** other amendments allow the Committee to recommend, and the OBC to place restrictions and conditions on a pardon or forgiveness, and
- WHEREAS,** additional amendments provide alternative hearing arrangements for applicants who reside outside of the State of Wisconsin and are unable to attend the hearing in person as well as allows victims, witnesses and other persons to give oral testimony or submit written statements for consideration by the Screening Committee, and
- WHEREAS,** other amendments expand and revamp the definition section to include and more accurately define certain terms, and
- WHEREAS,** further amendments do not allow an applicant to appeal the Oneida Business Committee's decision but does allow an applicant to reapply for a pardon or forgiveness one year after the denial date, and

WHEREAS, other amendments were made to improve the clarity of the Law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached amendments to the Pardon and Forgiveness Law are hereby adopted.

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; 5 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 22nd day of January, 2014; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 3 members for, 0 members against, and 1 member not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."