

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE



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.

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### SPECIAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE RESOLUTION # 1-28-04-A

*Resolution designating the interest from unclaimed or unallocated per capita funds to be applied to the Oneida Language Revitalization Program*

- WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council, on January 8, 1977, approved the "Emigrant Indian Trust of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin," which established the Oneida Trust Committee, also known as the Oneida Trust and Enrollment Committee; and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council, through GTC Resolution #1-8-77-C, delegated administrative authority to the Oneida Trust Committee to implement the areas of Trust; and
- WHEREAS, the General Tribal Council, through the Per Capita Trust Agreement on November 9, 1994, transferred authority to the Oneida Trust Committee to manage trust accounts for per capita payments to minors; and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee, through BC Resolution #7-12-00-B and the Per Capita Ordinance, has delegated authority to the Oneida Trust Committee to manage trust accounts, to maintain membership rolls to identify persons eligible for per capita payments, to hold administrative hearings regarding eligibility to receive per capita payments, and to develop Tribal Allocation Plans; and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Trust Committee is the official Governing and final authoritative body to carry out all policy and procedures in the operation of the Oneida Enrollment and Trust Departments; and
- WHEREAS, the Per Capita Ordinance provides at Section 9.5-6, "All funds which would have been dispersed in accordance with this ordinance, but which have been refused by the individual tribal member shall be deposited in a pooled account. The funds in this account can only be designated for expenditure for a specific purpose as determined by the General Tribal Council. Management of the pooled account shall be the responsibility of the Oneida Trust Committee;" and

WHEREAS, unclaimed or unallocated per capita funds have been unclaimed for the following reasons: The Oneida Nation has not been able to locate a tribal member for seven (7) years; a tribal member has relinquished his or her enrollment from the Oneida Nation; a tribal member has refused a per capita payment; or a beneficiary of a per capita payment has died; and

WHEREAS, the General Tribal Council has not designated a specific purpose for the expenditure of the unclaimed or unallocated per capita funds in the pooled account; and

WHEREAS, the unclaimed or unallocated funds between the years 1994 and 2002 have grown to about \$1.7 million; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee deems the Oneida Language as a national priority and the Oneida Language Revitalization Program supports this priority; and

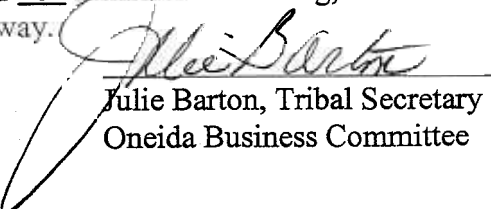
WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has determined use of the pooled account containing unclaimed or unallocated per capita funds would best serve the Oneida Tribe if the interest from the unclaimed or unallocated per capita fund were used to fund the Oneida Language Revitalization Project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the mandate of the Per Capita Ordinance, the General Tribal Council hereby designates that the interest from the pooled account containing unclaimed or unallocated per capita funds shall be used to fund the Oneida Language Revitalization. Furthermore, the principal of the account shall not be depleted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that future unclaimed or unallocated per capita funds be added to the pooled account and that the Oneida Trust Committee ensure that the interest from the principal continue to be directed toward the Oneida Language Revitalization Program each year hereinafter.

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. 7 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 28<sup>TH</sup> day of January 2004; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 members for; 0 members against; and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee