

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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RESOLUTION # 2-28-01-C Indian Health Service

- WHEREAS, the Oneida Nation in 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 Nation in 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 eleven Indian tribes of the State of Wisconsin have long been inadequately funded for health care services by the Indian Health Service, which has negatively affected the health status of the members of the Oneida Nation in Wisconsin and other Tribes in the State; and
- WHEREAS, in 1999, the Indian Health Service with the support of a workgroup comprised of Tribal leaders and agency staff completed a major study of the levels of funding support being provided to operating units within the Indian Health Service; and
- WHEREAS, a recent update of this information completed on 02/14/2001 demonstrates that the Bemidji Area of the Indian Health Service which includes operating units in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin is presently the least-funded Area Office in the United States and is funded at a level of only 37% of total need; and

WHEREAS: during appropriations for the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA), the United States Congress directed the Indian Health Service to utilize appropriations allocated under the Act to fund those Tribes and IHS health programs that are "most in need;" and

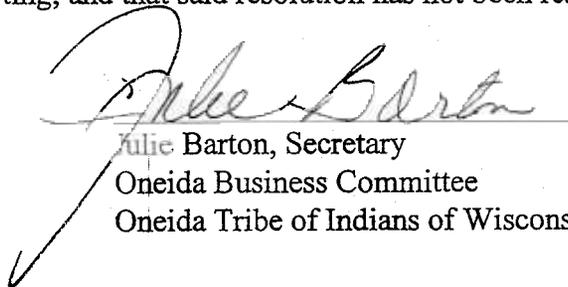
WHEREAS: as of 02/14/2001, a total of 22 of the 55 local operating units nationally that are currently funded at less than 40% of need are located within the Bemidji Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Nation in Wisconsin requests that the Indian Health Service provide available IHCIA funding of \$40 million to those Tribes that are currently the least funded nationally based on the Indian Health Services' level of need funded study.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: that the Oneida Nation in Wisconsin requests that the Indian Health Service comply with Congressional directives for the use of IHCIA funds by using these funds to raise all Tribes nationally to a minimum level of 40% of need funded before any other allocation is made to other Tribes.

C E R T I F C A T I O N

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 28th day of February, 2001, that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 members for, 0 members against, 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


Julie Barton, Secretary
Oneida Business Committee
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