

# Oneida Nation



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 # 04-27-16-B Election Law Emergency Amendments

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation 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 Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1, of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** on May 2, 2015, the Oneida Tribal membership voted at the Secretarial Election to amend Section 2 of Article III of the Oneida Tribal Constitution to change the age of a qualified voter from twenty-one (21) and over to eighteen (18) and over; and
- WHEREAS,** on June 16, 2015 the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs approved by certification the amendment to Section 2 of Article III of the Oneida Tribal Constitution to change the age of a qualified voter from twenty-one (21) and over to eighteen (18) and over; and
- WHEREAS,** in July 2015, a tribal member filed an appeal to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals which suspended the certification and implementation; and
- WHEREAS,** on February 11, 2016 the Interior Board of Indian Appeals denied the tribal member's appeal and upheld the Bureau of Indian Affairs certification of all the constitutional amendments; and
- WHEREAS,** on February 24, 2016 the Oneida Business Committee formally acknowledged receipt of the Interior Board of Indian Appeals decision and directed the Constitutional Amendments Implementation Team to begin implementation of the constitutional amendments; and
- WHEREAS,** the Legislative Procedures Act authorizes the Oneida Business Committee to enact legislation on an emergency basis; and

**WHEREAS,** emergency adoption of this amendment to the Election Law is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare of the reservation population to ensure compliance with recent actions taken by the Tribal membership; and observance of the adoption requirements under the Legislative Procedures Act for passage of laws and policies would be contrary to public interest.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the attached emergency amendments to the Election Law shall take effect immediately.

#### 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 members for, 0 members against, and 0 member not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

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