

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 # 10-03-01-E **Oneida Veterans Memorial Fund**

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian government, recognized in treaties with the United States; 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, Section 1 of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation has a long history of Oneida men and women serving honorably with, and in, the armed forces of the United States dating back to the Revolutionary War, and all wars and conflicts that the United States has been involved in since then; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the consensus of the Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee (ONVAC), the Oneida Veterans of Foreign Wars (OVFW), the Oneida American Veterans (OAMVET), the Oneida Chapter of the Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association (WIVA), and Oneida veterans at large that the Oneida Nation should support the coordinated effort of these groups to construct a suitable Oneida Nation Veterans Memorial Monument to be dedicated in honor of all Oneida men and women who have honorably served with, and in, the armed forces of the United States since the Revolutionary War; and
- WHEREAS,** it is also the consensus of the aforesaid groups that construction of such monument should proceed in three phases:
- Phase 1. Selection of a site, design of the monument and determination of estimated cost;
- Phase 2. Raising of funds through public and private donations;

Phase 3. Upon securing sufficient financing, the actual construction of the monument; and

WHEREAS, whereas the ONVAC has determined that a suitable monument can and should be situated on Oneida tribal land; and

WHEREAS, to raise the needed funds it is necessary to establish a corporate body qualifying for charitable exemption of its donors under the federal Internal Revenue Code, and to secure legal assistance in such corporation's contracting with fund raising organizations and other dealings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Business Committee supports the aforesaid coordinated effort to construct a suitable monument to Oneida veterans of the armed forces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Oneida Business Committee shall appoint a competent coordinator, reporting to that Committee, charged with the following duties: to communicate and coordinate with the aforesaid groups on site selection, design selection and determination of estimated cost, submitting a progress report on such matters to the Business Committee within 90 days, and a final report within 180 days of appointment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Oneida Law Office shall offer legal assistance to the aforesaid groups in drafting and securing the appropriate corporate charter from the Oneida Nation, and upon the establishment of such corporation, assisting in drafting and reviewing fund raising contracts and other dealings.

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 3rd day of October, 2001; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 members for; 0 members against; and 1 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary