

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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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.



Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

## GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 6-10-95-A

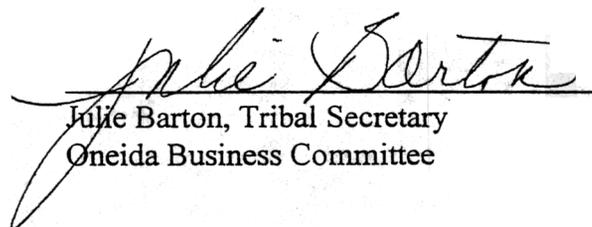
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribal Council is the duly recognized governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee may be delegated duties and responsibilities by the Oneida General Tribal Council and is at all times subject to the review powers of the Oneida General Tribal Council, and
- WHEREAS, the General Tribal Council has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1 of the Oneida Tribal Constitution, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida people have pursued their claim to ownership of the original Oneida Reservation, located in New York State and confirmed in the 1794 Treaty of Canadaigua, since the time of their eviction from it; and
- WHEREAS, limited federal lawsuits on the land claim were filed in 1970 and 1974, to establish Oneida ownership to a small part of the Oneida reservation, all other attempts by the Oneida to resolve the matter having failed; and
- WHEREAS, in 1985 the Supreme Court ruled in the 1970 lawsuit that Oneida ownership to the small area subject to the lawsuit had not been extinguished and the county governments currently occupying that land owe the Oneidas rent for its use; and
- WHEREAS, following the 1985 Supreme Court decision, New York State requested that the Oneida people put the 1970 and 1974 lawsuits on hold and negotiate an out of court settlement of the claim; and
- WHEREAS, negotiations have been sporadic since 1985, but have resulted to date in no significant progress toward a comprehensive settlement; and
- WHEREAS, a final attempt is currently underway to exhaust all possibility of a negotiated settlement of the land claim with New York State;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in the event efforts presently underway with New York State to resume meaningful negotiations fail. That the General Tribal Council of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin hereby authorizes the reactivation of and/or filing of an amended comprehensive lawsuit to assert Oneida ownership of the original Oneida Reservation in New York State.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Tribal Council of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin hereby authorizes the above action to be initiated by the Oneida Business Committee when this action has been jointly agreed upon by both the Oneida Land Claims Commission and the Oneida Business Committee.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida General Tribal Council in session with a quorum of 85 members present at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held on the 10th day of June, 1995; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a unanimous vote of those present and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee