

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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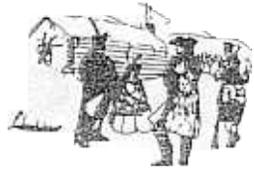
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UGWA DEMOLUM YATÉHE
Because of the help of
this Oneida Chief in
cementing a friendship
between the six nations
and the colony of
Pennsylvania, a new
nation, the United States
was made possible.

GTC RESOLUTION 9-16-96-A

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the duly recognized governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin,
- 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 I of the Oneida Tribal Constitution, and
- WHEREAS,** within the framework of fundamental fairness, justice and common sense, the Business Committee functions as the tribal representative on tribal land claims; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin (Oneida) has been negotiating with the United States and New York State since 1985 to reach a settlement of the Oneida land claim in New York state; and
- WHEREAS,** New York State does not treat equally with Oneida in the negotiations of the land claims settlement because Oneida owns no land in the land claim area; and
- WHEREAS,** in that Oneida owns no land, it exercises no governance, jurisdiction and use right over any land and has no real and meaningful presence in the land claim area; and
- WHEREAS,** the delegated land claims negotiators have recommended the purchase of land within the Land Claims area in the State of New York and intend the exercise of all governmental, jurisdictional and use right over said land, and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee will work with Land Management in the acquisition of land by purchase in the land claim area pursuant to the responsibilities delegated in the Constitution of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee desires to acquire land by purchased and/or gift and exercise governance, jurisdiction and use right over the land to create a real and meaningful presence in the land claim area for purposes of negotiating a settlement; and
- WHEREAS,** the General Tribal Council has indicated that prior to purchasing land within the land claims area that the General Tribal Council shall be presented with information regarding the land to be purchased and where the funds will be re-allocated within the adopted budget;



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

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee, through entities of the Oneida Tribe had identified these items for the General Tribal Council,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee is hereby directed to purchase a specific property within the land claims area over which this government will exercise all rights of governance, jurisdiction and use rights and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee, working with the Land Management Office and general land purchase procedures, having identified a specific property within the claim area and initiated conveyance procedures will upon adoption of this resolution implement the recommendation, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the funds to be utilized for this purchase shall not exceed \$200,000.00 and shall be derived from funds identified by the Finance 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 146 members present at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held on the 16th day of September 1996; 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.



Deborah Doxtator, Tribal Chairwoman
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE