



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

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

BUSINESS COMMITTEE



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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GTC Resolution # 12-13-04-A

Resolution Approving the Agreement of Settlement and Compromise to Resolve the Oneida Indian Land Claims in the State of New York

- WHEREAS**, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty Tribe recognized by the laws of the United States; and
- WHEREAS**, the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS**, in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries the State of New York acquired Oneida land in violation of the Indian Trade and Intercourse Acts; and
- WHEREAS**, for more than 200 years the Oneida people have fought to regain their lands which were illegally taken from them; and
- WHEREAS**, in 1970, Oneida challenged the legality of the transactions between New York State and the Oneida representatives by which the Oneidas lost possession of 100,000 acres of the 253,000 acre Oneida Reservation in New York; and
- WHEREAS**, lower courts ruled in favor of the Oneidas and the Land Claim was ultimately appealed to the United States Supreme Court; and
- WHEREAS**, in 1985 the United States Supreme Court ruled the Oneida Tribe of Indians could bring suit for damages for the land which was conveyed unlawfully, County of Oneida v. Oneida Indian Nation, 470 U.S. 266. 105 (1985); and
- WHEREAS**, the General Tribal Council has authorized the Oneida Business Committee to negotiate a settlement of the Oneida Land Claim in New York through passage of GTC Resolutions #2-25-82, 6-10-95-A and 9-16-96-A; and
- WHEREAS**, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin has been negotiating with the United States and New York State to reach a settlement of the Oneida Land Claim in New York; and

WHEREAS, in BC Resolutions 9-11-96-A, 9-04-02-B and 1-22-03-A, the Oneida Business Committee designated Chief Negotiators as primary representatives of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin in settling the Oneida Land Claim; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2003, the General Tribal Council approved a motion supporting the Oneida Business Committee's settlement negotiations which included the pursuit of a casino in New York; and


WHEREAS, a settlement agreement has been reached between the State of New York and the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin which resolves the Oneida Land Claim.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida General Tribal Council hereby adopts the Agreement of Settlement and Compromise to Resolve the Oneida Indian Land Claims in the State of New York.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee is authorized to carry out the terms of the Agreement which includes negotiating a compact, adoption of all necessary laws and negotiation of local service agreements for municipal services and other appropriate local issues.

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 713 members present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 13th day of December, 2004; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a majority vote of those present and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee