Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

Post Office Box 365



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, Wi 54155

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.

RESOLUTION # 01-21-98-A Bureau of Indian Affairs Litigation Support

- 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, the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section I of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council, and
- WHEREAS. the United States of America, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, as co-trustees for natural resources, are conducting a Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) of the Fox River and Green Bay environment, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin wishes to identify and assess possible impacts to its trust resources from past releases of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and
- WHEREAS, the identification and assessment of impacts to the Oneida Tribe's trust resources will include impacts unique to the Tribe and not otherwise investigated and assessed by the consultants to the United States of America, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin requires the assistance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to obtain the ethnohistorical and economic expertise necessary to fully investigate and assess the impacts of past PCB releases on the trust resources of the Oneida Tribe, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe made a similar request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in April 1997, for fiscal year 1997 litigation support funds, and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has yet to respond to the Oneida Tribe regarding the Tribe's April, 1997 request,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin hereby reiterates its request for assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and requests the sum of \$100,000 in fiscal year 1998 litigation support funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the purpose of assisting in the ethnohistorical and economic research necessary to identify and assess injuries to the trust resources of the Oneida Tribe, in accordance with the Proposed Budget attached here to as Exhibit A.

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, 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the <u>21st</u> day of January, 1998; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of <u>5</u> members for; 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee