

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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Special Business Committee Resolution # 1-31-01-A *Rescheduling General Tribal Council Meetings*

- 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 General Tribal Council has in the past rescheduled or canceled meetings where there has been a death in the community and the funeral or wake is to occur on the meeting date of the General Tribal Council, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has acted on this general opinion of the General Tribal Council, and
- WHEREAS, a resolution was adopted by the Oneida Business Committee, # BC -06-22-94-A, after the May 1994 meeting to address this inconsistency. This emergency resolution lapsed approximately 15 months after it was adopted, and
- WHEREAS, the General Tribal Council has discussed this matter on at least two occasions since that date, and on each occasion, that discussion appeared to be in favor of continuing the practice, and
- WHEREAS, there were questions whether a written policy was needed for this, as well as the cost of canceling meetings for this purpose, *See Annual General Tribal Council Meeting, January 06, 1997, Transcript pp. 25-26*, and there appears to be no directive to change the current status of the policy of canceling a meeting for funeral or wake, and the practice continues today, and
- WHEREAS, this discussion concerning cancellation of General Tribal Council meetings because of a funeral or wake has occurred relatively frequently in Oneida Business Committee meetings in recent months. The response has been that the General Tribal Council would need to make this change, if that body no longer wished to cancel a meeting for these purposes, and

WHEREAS, each canceled General Tribal Council meeting has resulted in expending funds to mail out materials, set up meetings, hold organizational meetings, that cannot be accurately identified by ranges from \$5000 to \$15,000,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that General Tribal Council meetings shall no longer be rescheduled in the event of a funeral or wake, however, meetings may still be rescheduled in the event of inclement weather that makes attending the meeting dangerous to the health and welfare of the member.

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. 5 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 31 day of January 2001; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 4 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, Secretary
Oneida Business Committee