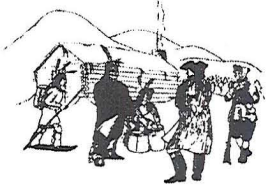
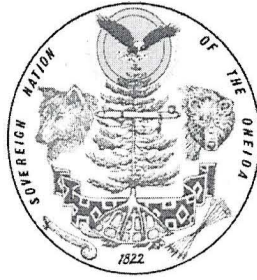


Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin



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.

Resolution 02-23-11-B

Support of the 2011 Indigenous North American Indigenous Games in Wisconsin

- 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 of America; 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 of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Tribe has been supportive of Tribal members and their desire to participate in the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) since its inception and desire to support the continued development of young athletes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Tribe has participated with the other Tribal Nations in Wisconsin in the development and organization of a non-profit organization titled "Indigenous Games USA Inc." whose mission is dedicated to represent the youth sports development and athletic competition; and
- WHEREAS,** the organization, Indigenous Games USA Inc. will host the 2011 US Indigenous Games in Milwaukee, WI from July 10-14, 2011 and anticipate 5000 youth participants from across Indian Country between the ages of 13- 19 who will be participating in a variety of sports competitions. The goal of the Games is to reinforce family and cultural values which encourage athletes and attendees to live a healthy lifestyle; and
- WHEREAS,** the economic impact of hosting the Games has been forecasted to generate 25-35 million dollars to the Milwaukee economy of Milwaukee from increased tourism that will be realized from the presences of the athletes, their families, and spectators, stimulating the local and state economy; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Tribe understands and recognizes that participation in the U.S. Indigenous Games has been the result of official support from each Tribal Nation, as well as from the participants; and
- WHEREAS,** in order for the IGUSA Inc. to host the 2011 U.S. Indigenous Games, it will require the financial support from each Tribal Nation; and

WHEREAS, the 11 Wisconsin Tribes contribute nearly \$100 million over the biennium in gaming compact payments, of which \$55 Million has funded programs for Native Americans in the last biennium, including higher education grants, specifically for Tribal students and native language revitalization, while the remaining \$42 million was used to help balance the state's budget and General Fund; and

WHEREAS, each Tribal Nation on an annual basis makes a payment to the State of Wisconsin through their respective Gaming Compacts and the proceeds of such payment have been emphasized to be utilized for tourism and economic development in the State of Wisconsin.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida Tribe supports the U.S. Indigenous Games and would request the Governor of the State of Wisconsin to support the U. S. Indigenous Games with a 2011- 2013 appropriation from the General Fund tribal gaming revenue payments, excluding Native American programming, that is to be devoted to the U.S. Indigenous Games.

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; 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 23rd day of February 2011; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 for, 0 members against, and 1 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."