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 possble.

BC Resolution 02-24-10-A

Pilot Initiative to Establish Executive Session Discussion Meeting April through June 2010

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, Article III, Section 3 of the Tribal Constitution provides that "Regular meetings of the Business Committee may be established by resolution of the Business Committee," and

WHEREAS, the Business Committee adopted the Open Records and Open Meetings Law to ensure that its meetings are open and accessible to the public which is defined in the law as meaning any enrolled Oneida Tribal member or any Oneida Tribal employee who has a work-related need for a record, and

WHEREAS, the Open Records and Open Meetings Law prescribes the circumstances when the Business Committee can close a meeting for executive session, and

WHEREAS, the Business Committee traditionally convenes executive sessions to discuss matters deemed confidential and/or proprietary and returns to open session to take any binding action on those matters, and

WHEREAS, public access to regular meetings of the Business Committee is hampered when public members in attendance are required to leave the meeting when executive session is called, making it difficult to return when the body returns to open session to act on matters discussed in closed session, and

WHEREAS, the Business Committee has determined that the establishment of a separate meeting to discuss closed session matters and then to act on those matters in the open during the regular Business Committee would better serve the membership of the Oneida Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Session Discussion meeting will be established on a pilot basis for three months from April through June 2010.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Session Discussion meeting will be held every second and fourth Tuesday starting at 9 a.m. and preceding the regular Business Committee meeting.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Executive Session Discussion meeting and Business Committee Regular meeting will be conducted using the agendas and meeting procedure presented to the Business Committee at the passage of this resolution.

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 24th day of February 2010; 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.

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."