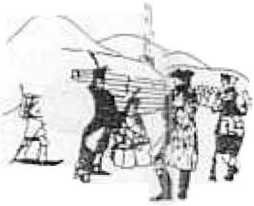


# **Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin**

## **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.



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### **Resolution 3-08-00-B**

#### **Oneida Supports Cross Lake Cree Resolution**



**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.

- 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 1 of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council, and
- Whereas,** the Oneida Environmental Resources Board (ERB) was created for the purpose of overseeing matters concerning the environment of the Oneida Reservation and the environment of Turtle Island, and
- Whereas,** the Oneida Tribe is committed to living in balance with Mother Earth and protecting her health through the Seventh Generation, and
- Whereas,** the Oneida Tribe is aware that our brothers and sisters of Pimicikamak Cree Nation in Manitoba, Canada, have suffered the loss of their traditional ways of life and the destruction of vast areas of the lands and waters of northern Manitoba which they have inhabited since time immemorial with the construction of the Manitoba Hydroelectric Dam; and
- Whereas,** the Pimicikamak Cree Nation is living daily amid the environmental devastation caused by flooding or rendering inaccessible more than 3,000,000 acres of its traditional territory; and
- Whereas,** the Oneida Tribe recognizes that flooding one of North America's largest boreal forests has resulted in methyl mercury contamination of the Cree people and the fish, aquatic mammals and animals such as moose, that depend upon northern waters for their existence; and also the release of immeasurable quantities of the powerful greenhouse gas, methane, in the atmosphere; and

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**Whereas,** the Oneida Tribe is aware that Pimicikamak Cree nation continues to suffer very high rates of crime, violence, substance abuse, suicide, and mass poverty and unemployment (reported to be among the highest in Canada); and that its youth are in despair because they have no future; and

**Whereas,** the Oneida Tribe is aware that the Premier of Manitoba (its Governor) has recently asked Manitoba hydro (a state corporation) to double its exports to the United States, which will result in the building of more generating stations, a 345,000 volt transmission line, reservoirs, northern roads, and more flooding and environmental destruction which will affect the Chequamegon National Forest, the St. Croix River, the Namekagon River, the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians; and

**Whereas,** the Oneida Tribe recognizes that there are alternative methods for the generation of electricity that causes less harm to the environment, and in particular, to the Indigenous peoples who depend upon the lands, waters and animals for economic, cultural and spiritual substances; and

**Whereas,** the Oneida Tribe while recognizing the importance of electricity to the economic well-being of the state of Wisconsin, also believes that the full social and environmental costs of electricity generation must be included in its purchase price; and

**Whereas,** Wisconsin's Environmental Decade reported that saving energy in homes and business costs about half as much as a huge new power line; and

**Whereas,** local investment in renewable energy and conservation creates jobs and eliminates the need for more high voltage lines and The Oneida Tribe promotes such investments that have resulted in local job creation, training and permanent employment whereby the Oneida Tribe has experienced greater reliability and self-sufficiency, rather than the "export" of these jobs to Manitoba; and

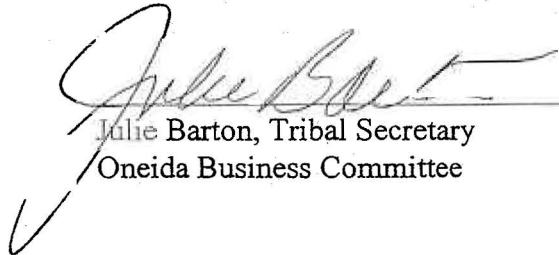
**Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the Oneida Tribe strongly opposes the construction of transmission lines anywhere on the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation, the Chequamegon National Forest, the St. Croix River, and the Namekagon River that will result in more harm to the people of Wisconsin as well as to the lands, waters and animals of Wisconsin; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Oneida Tribe calls for greatly increased investments by tribal, state and national governments, as well as by individuals and corporate and institutional entities in energy conservation and energy efficiency; and

**Now Therefore be It Finally Resolved** that the Oneida Tribe is committed to renewable energy resources in Wisconsin and the upper Midwest, to displace the "need" to purchase additional environmentally and socially destructive electricity from Manitoba Hydro, and The Oneida Tribe will not be dependent upon hundreds of miles of new transmission lines for their electricity

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is comprised of 9 members of whom 5 members constitute a quorum. 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 8th day of March, 2000; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 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