



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 Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

BUSINESS COMMITTEE



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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RESOLUTION # 03-25-09-B

Federal Recognition Support for Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

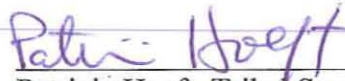
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States, and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and
- WHEREAS,** the 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 Business Committee is authorized under the Constitution of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin to conduct business on behalf of the Tribe;
- WHEREAS,** The Business Committee has long been aware of the efforts by the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina to achieve full federal recognition;
- WHEREAS,** The Lumbee Tribe has been recognized as a self-governing Indian people by the State of North Carolina since 1885;
- WHEREAS,** The Lumbee Tribe has sought federal recognition numerous times since 1888, only to be denied because of opposition from the Department of the Interior based largely on the cost of Federal Indian services;
- WHEREAS,** The Lumbee Tribe's history and Indian ancestry have been studied numerous times in response to the Tribe's multiple requests for recognition and all studies document the Tribe's Indian ancestry and self-governing, tight-knit community;
- WHEREAS,** The Congress passed a statute during the Termination Era which terminated the Lumbee Tribe, 70 Stat. 254, June 7, 1956, even though the Tribe had not been previously recognized;
- WHEREAS,** The 1956 Lumbee Act makes the Lumbee Tribe ineligible for recognition through the Bureau of Indian Affairs' administrative acknowledgment process; and

WHEREAS, HR31, a bill to recognize the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina is pending in Congress,

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, by the vote attested to below, expresses their support for the enactment of HR31.

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 25th day of March 2009; 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 Hoelt, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

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