

# Oneida Nation



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.

## BC Resolution # 04-13-16-A Revising the Standard Oath for Elected and Appointed Positions

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation 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 Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1, of the Oneida Nation Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) Secretarial Election held on May 2, 2015 approved changes to the Oneida Nation's Constitution, including the name change from the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin to the Oneida Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the results of the BIA's Secretarial Election were challenged by a tribal member; and
- WHEREAS,** upon receipt of the Interior Board of Indian Appeals' decision issued on February 11, 2016 dismissing the challenge to the BIA's Secretarial Election, the Oneida Business Committee made the implementation of the Constitutional amendments approved by enrolled Oneida members a top priority; and
- WHEREAS,** the Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees and Commissions (the "Policy") contains the oath of office required to be administered to members appointed or elected to the Oneida Nation's boards, committees and commissions in articles 6.3. and 7.3.; and
- WHEREAS,** the current oaths of office contain reference to the Oneida Nation as the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and the Oneida Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Policy, in articles 6.3.d. and 7.3.d., authorizes the standard oaths of office to be revised, provided that Oneida Business Committee approval is required prior to usage of the revised oaths; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Oneida Business Committee hereby adopts the following standard oath for elected and appointed positions to the Oneida Nation's boards, committees and commissions:

*"I, [name], hereby promise to uphold the laws and regulations of the Oneida Nation, the General Tribal Council, and the Tribal Constitution. I will perform my duties to the best of my ability and on behalf of the Oneida people with honor, respect, dignity, and sincerity, and will maintain confidential information with the strictest confidentiality.*

*I will carry out the duties and responsibilities as a member of the [entity name], and all recommendations shall be made in the best interest of the Oneida Nation as a whole."*

#### **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; 9 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 8 members for, 0 members against, and 1 member not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

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