## **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. Post Office Box 365

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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 # 4-16-97

- 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 the United States of America, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, as co-trustees for natural resources, are conducting a Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability and Act (CERCLA) of the Fox River and Green Bay environment,
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin wishes to identify and assess possible impacts to its trust resources from past releases of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and
- WHEREAS, the identification and assessment of impacts to the Oneida Tribe's trust resources will include impacts unique to the Tribe and not otherwise investigated and assessed by the consultants to the United States of America,
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin requires the assistance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to obtain the biological and ethnohistorical expertise necessary to fully investigate and assess the impacts of past PCB releases on the trust resources of the Oneida Tribe,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin hereby declares its intention to seek litigation support funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in

the amount of \$94,400.00 for the purpose of assisting in the biological and ethnohistorical research necessary to identify and assess injuries to the trust resources of the Oneida Tribe, in accordance with the "Proposed First Year Budget" attached as Exhibit A.

## **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,  $\underline{-7}$  members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the  $\underline{|lo^{+n}|}$  day of April, 1997; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of  $\underline{-0}$  members for;  $\underline{-0}$  members against, and  $\underline{-0}$  members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary Oneida Business Committee