

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 possible.

BC Resolution 06-22-11-J

Amendments to Paternity Law to Address Guardians Ad Litem Appointments and Conflicts of Interest

- 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 of America; 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 of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe enacted the Child Custody, Placement and Visitation Law to provide a Tribal venue for legal custody, physical placement, and visitation orders based on the facts surrounding each case and the best interest of the child; and
- WHEREAS,** a guardian ad litem is a person appointed by the Oneida Appeals Commission to appear at any peacemaking, mediation, or hearing on behalf of a child; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is made of strong family relationships; and
- WHEREAS,** such strong family relationships often include not only blood relatives, but also include those who have strong in-law and social connections to particular families; and
- WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the Oneida children that in custody, placement and visitation proceedings the Commissioners and guardians ad litem be free from family and social relationships with interested parties in such proceedings; and
- WHEREAS,** a public hearing on the amendments was held on May 23, 2011.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following amendments to the Paternity Law are hereby adopted:

Chapter 77 Paternity

77.6-1. A child, a child's legal guardian, a child's natural mother, the Agency when required by federal law, or a child's alleged father may file a petition requesting the Commission to establish paternity. The Agency may assist a party who is filing a petition to establish the paternity of a child. The natural mother and an alleged father may file jointly.

(a) If a party to the action is a minor or is a legally incompetent adult, the Commission may appoint a guardian ad litem to represent such party in the action, in accordance with section 79.8 of the Child Custody, Placement and Visitation law. A guardian ad litem may also file a petition requesting the Commission to establish paternity.

Chapter 78 Child Support

78.5-1. Every parent has a duty to support each and every child of that parent. A child support order may be obtained from the Commission by either submitting a voluntary agreement to the Commission for approval or by filing a petition for child support with the Commission.

(a) If a party to the action is a minor or is a legally incompetent adult, the Commission may appoint a guardian ad litem to represent such party in the action, in accordance with section 79.8 of the Child Custody, Placement and Visitation law.

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 22nd day of June 2011; that the forgoing 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."