

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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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.

Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ONEIDA NATION COMMISSION ON AGING AND THE ONEIDA GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION RESOLUTION 7-05-95-J

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 NATION COMMISSION ON AGING (ONCOA) and ONEIDA NATION SOCIAL SERVICES (ONSS) currently share the responsibility for the care of the elders of the Oneida Nation, and

WHEREAS ONCOA is a nine-member elected Commission chartered by the Oneida Business Committee on February 20, 1978 (as "ORCOA", the Oneida Reservation Commission on Aging) to represent the needs of the 55 and older population within the Oneida Nation, and

WHEREAS ONSS is an entity within the Governmental Services Division of the Administrative Branch of the Oneida Nation, and

WHEREAS the Governmental Services Division oversees ONSS, and

WHEREAS the Oneida Business Committee, pursuant to Resolution 7-05-95-A has delegated its authority over matters concerning the elders of the Oneida Nation to the Governmental Services Division, and

WHEREAS The Oneida Nation is currently developing a Department of Elders which will unite the providers of services to Oneida Nation elders under one department, and

WHEREAS, Federal funds for some elder programs, including 42 USC 3001 (Programs for Older Americans), 42 USC 5001] (the National Senior Volunteer Program) and 42 USC 5011 (the Foster Grandparent Program) are currently administered by the State of Wisconsin and

passed through to the Oneida Nation, and

WHEREAS the State of Wisconsin, in administering these federal funds requires that a Commission on Aging and an "Aging Unit" be established for a service provider, including a tribal government,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that ONCOA and the Governmental Services Division enter into this Memorandum of Agreement, with the following terms and conditions, for the provision of necessary services to the elders of the Oneida Nation.

I. DURATION: This agreement shall remain in effect until such time as a comprehensive Department of Elders is developed and assumes responsibility for all aspects of providing services to the elders of the Oneida Nation.

II. ONSS TO ACT AS "AGING UNIT": The Governmental Services Division agrees to direct ONSS to act as the "Aging Unit" for purposes of funding from the federal government's programs for elderly Americans. This responsibility shall include:

1. Ensuring that all elders have access to information, services, and opportunities available through the Oneida Nation and assure that the services available through the Oneida Nation are designed to reach those in greatest economic and social need;
2. Planning for, receiving, and administering federal funds allocated to the Oneida Nation through the state or federal government, and any gifts, grants or payments received for the benefit of the elders of the Oneida Nation;
3. Providing a visible and accessible point of contact for individuals to obtain accurate and comprehensive information about public and private resources available in the community which can meet the needs of the elders of the Oneida Nation;
4. Providing elders with appropriate referrals to other service providers for assistance;
5. Organizing and administering programs for the elderly, including nutritional programs, senior centers, daytime care, educational or volunteer opportunities, job skills preparation, and information on health, consumer affairs and civic participation;
6. working to secure a transportation system that makes community programs and opportunities available to, and meets the basic needs of the elders of the Oneida Nation;
7. working to ensure that programs and services are available for homebound, disabled elders of the Oneida Nation;
8. Identify potential gaps in services provided to elders and provide leadership in developing services and programs, including recruitment and training of volunteers to address those needs;

9. Work cooperatively with other service providers, including but not limited to the Oneida Health Center, the Anna John Nursing Home, and other tribal, state and federal service providers in the Oneida area;

10. Incorporating and promoting the participation of elders in the preparation of tribal plans for elderly resources, and identifying needs, goals, activities and resources for elders of the Oneida Nation;

11. Providing information to the public about elders and resources for the elderly population;

12. Developing a forum to allow elders to come forward to explain their needs, views and concerns, which will be documented and communicated to elected officials and service providers.

13. Providing for advocacy on behalf of elders to assist them in meeting their basic needs through service providers.

4. Providing administrative support to the Commission.

15. Any other day-to-day management and/or operation of programs designed to serve the elderly population of the Oneida Nation. All such day-to-day management and administration will remain consistent with existing tribal administrative structure.

### III. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

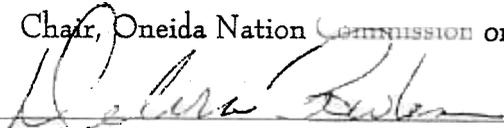
1. ONCOA shall be responsible for the continuous development of program policies for programs funded by federal, state or tribal government in accordance with federal, state, and tribal laws and regulations. Policy decisions not reserved to the federal, state or tribal government may be delegated to the Commission.

2. ONCOA shall conduct oversight of programs for the elderly in accordance with and as defined by its by-laws.

3. ONCOA shall report to the Oneida General Tribal Council and the Oneida Business Committee as provided for in Article VII of its Bv-Laws.

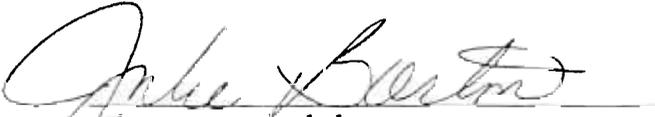
Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1995

  
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Warren Skenandore  
Chair, Oneida Nation ~~COMMISSION~~ on Aging

  
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Debra Powless, Director  
Oneida Nation Governmental Services Division

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1995; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 8 members for; 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee