## **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.



BC Resolution 07-23-14-B Cemetery Law Amendments



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 possble.

- 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, Section 1, of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council, and
- WHEREAS, the Cemetery Law (Law) was adopted by the Oneida Business Committee on May 19, 1989 and amended on January 14, 2009 and establishes the Tribal Cemetery and governs the sale of plots and interment eligibility of Tribal cemeteries, and
- WHEREAS, the Trust/Enrollment Committee, through the Enrollment Department, requested amendments to the Cemetery Law, and
- WHEREAS, emergency amendments to the Cemetery Law were adopted by BC-10-09-13-B and extended by BC-03-26-14-C to: allow all descendants of Tribal members to be eligible to be buried in the Tribal cemetery; expand who may purchase a burial plot in the Tribal cemetery; and restrict the re-sale of burial plots purchased for incompetent individuals, and
- WHEREAS, the proposed amendments would include similar provisions to the emergency amendments and: clarify that purchase of a plot does not result in ownership rights; include a section on disinterment; remove the plot fees from the Law; delete specific requirements relating to the maintenance and management of Tribal cemeteries, and provide that the Enrollments Department is responsible for the maintenance of Tribal cemeteries, as well as for approving all interments and establishing rules governing the cemetery; and expand the enforcement section, and
- WHEREAS, a public meeting on the proposed amendments was held on April 25, 2014 in accordance with the Legislative Procedures Act.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the attached amendments to the Cemetery Law are hereby adopted and shall be effective in ten (10) business days.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the fee for a plot in a Tribal Cemetery shall be \$100.00 until, upon recommendation of the Enrollment Department, the Oneida Business Committee approves an alternative fee through resolution.

## 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; 7 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2014; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 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."