

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE



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.

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### RESOLUTION # 7-27-05-A *Restricting Nonessential Water Usage*

- 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 lack of rainfall and significantly increased water usage during the present unseasonably hot weather has lowered water tables within the exterior boundaries of the Oneida Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** preserving, protecting and improving tribal land and the environment, and responding to the needs of our Mother Earth through integrated management is one of the Nation's Priorities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) authorizes the Oneida Business Committee to enact legislation on an emergency basis, to be in effect for a period of six months, renewable for an additional six months; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee finds that the summer drought constitutes an emergency situation which requires the immediate passage of a restriction on nonessential water usage; and
- WHEREAS,** emergency adoption of a restriction on nonessential water usage is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare of the reservation population, and that observance of the regular APA adoption requirements for passage of laws would be contrary to public interest.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that customers of the Oneida Utilities Department shall be restricted in their use of nonessential water usage to the hours between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Nonessential water usage includes:

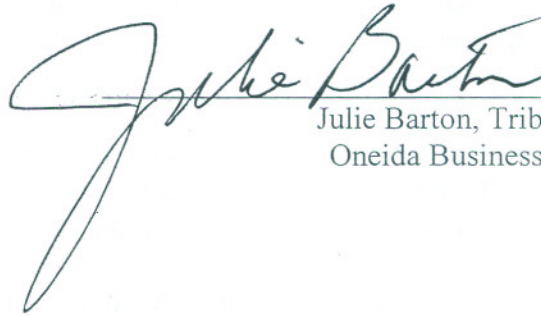
- washing of cars
- lawn, shrub and tree sprinkling
- filling pools
- flower/garden watering
- other recreational usage

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any person who violates the restriction may be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$20 nor more than \$100 to be assessed by the Oneida Utilities Department. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the restriction on water usage shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect for as long as the Oneida Utilities Department deems necessary, or September 15, 2005, whichever occurs first.

**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 27th day of July 2005; that the foregoing 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.



Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee