

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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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.

*Authorize Oneida Appeals Commission to Order Delayed Filing of Marriage Certificates Issued by the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin*

## **RESOLUTION # 08-12-09-F**

- 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 Tribe pursuant to its Constitution has the authority to enact laws and promulgate regulations and rules governing the conduct and activities of its members and employees on the Oneida Indian Reservation, including laws effecting the status of Oneida members, and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Tribe has enacted civil laws, by ordinance which are recognized by other jurisdictions, including the State of Wisconsin, and may do so again as deemed appropriate by the Oneida Tribe, and
- WHEREAS,** vital statistics of the Oneida Tribe, including deaths and births, are accepted and duly recorded by the Wisconsin Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health and Social Services, and
- WHEREAS,** tribal marriages may also be recorded provided that a system of records are maintained for actions affecting families, including marriages, which are conducted pursuant to the Constitutional authority of the Oneida Tribe, and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal customary marriages have been entered into by members of the Oneida Tribe on the Oneida Indian Reservation, which the tribal government determines are recognized as legitimate civil marriage agreements as that term is understood under Chapter 765 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has determined that it is in the interest of the Oneida Tribe and its members to authorize civil marriages pursuant to the

Constitution of the Oneida Tribe that will be duly recorded by the Oneida Tribe and the State of Wisconsin.

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has determined that all tribally issued certificates of marriage shall be on file with the Wisconsin Bureau of Vital Statistics Department of Health & Social Services and that in order to do so, an order authorizing delayed filing of marriage certificates must be issued by the Oneida Appeals Commission for tribally issued certificates of marriage which have not been filed with the Wisconsin Bureau of Vital Statistics Department of Health & Social Services within one year of their issuance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Oneida Tribe hereby authorizes the Oneida Appeals Commission to exercise limited civil jurisdiction to order the delayed filing of marriage certificates issued by the Oneida Tribe.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Oneida Tribe hereby authorizes the Oneida Law Office to file petitions, in accordance with the Oneida Appeals Commission Rules of Civil Procedure, with the Oneida Appeals Commission on behalf of the Oneida Tribe to obtain orders authorizing delayed filing of marriage certificates.

#### **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 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2009; that the foregoing 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, Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

\*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."