

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.

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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.

BC Resolution # 09-23-09-F

Emergency Adoption of Children's Burial Fund Policy

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 Burial Endowment Fund Policy was adopted in 1995 and provides up to \$5,000 in financial assistance for a deceased enrolled Tribal member's funeral costs, including children under five (5) years of age who were not enrolled Tribal members, but were eligible for enrollment; and

WHEREAS, under GTC Resolution 1-17-09-B the General Tribal Council directed that the Burial Endowment Fund Policy be repealed and be replaced with the Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus for Fiscal Year 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus establishes a life insurance benefit for each enrolled Tribal member and is payable to the insured's designated beneficiary or beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus does not address deceased children who are not enrolled Tribal members, but were eligible for enrollment; and

WHEREAS, burial benefits for children under the age of five (5) who were eligible for enrollment but were not enrolled will cease upon the repeal of the Burial Endowment Fund Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Trust/Enrollment Committee is recommending that the Tribe maintain a burial benefit for those children aged 0-3, in order to encourage parents to enroll their children as soon as possible to be eligible for the Minors Trust Account and other services of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the APA authorizes the Oneida Business Committee to enact legislation on an emergency basis, to be in effect for a period of six (6) months, renewable for an additional six (6) months; and

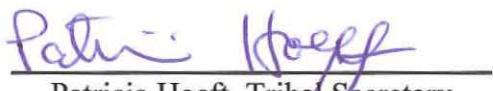
WHEREAS, emergency adoption of a Children's Burial Fund Policy is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare of the reservation population, and that observance of the regular APA adoption requirements for passage of laws would be contrary to public interest.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Children's Burial Fund Policy is hereby adopted on an emergency basis and shall become effective on the effective date of the Oneida Life Insurance Plan Plus.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Trust/Enrollment Committee has the discretion to consider burial benefits for those children who would have been eligible for benefits at the time of their death.

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. 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 23rd day of September 2009; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 members for; 0 members against; and 1 member 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."