

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

## 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

## RESOLUTION # 10-13-89-D

- 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 has successfully developed numerous enterprises over the past 13 years based upon the growth of its bingo enterprise, and
- WHEREAS, the economic growth of the Oneida Tribe has resulted in increased benefits in the public safety, health, welfare and education to the Oneida people through employment and diversification of its other resources which now include a 208-room hotel, a nursing home, four convenience stores and the development of a shopping mall with a major discount retailer, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe has determined that true self-reliance is based upon economic self-sufficiency which in turn benefits the local and state communities thus stimulating cooperative positive intergovernmental relations, and
- WHEREAS, the revenues generated by the Oneida gaming enterprises, which are strictly regulated pursuant to the Oneida Gaming Control Ordinance and the Oneida Constitution and fully owned and operated by the Oneida Tribe and which are an invaluable resource of the Oneida people that partially offsets the lack of a tax base available to other governments and as such are a positive asset to the Oneida Tribe, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe has been unable to conclude a Tribal-State Compact as required by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, P.L. 100-497, and

- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe must use all lawful means to protect its rights and resources for the benefit of the Oneida people and the Oneida Constitution which the Oneida Business Committee is sworn to uphold, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has been fully advised of the legal ramifications of litigation and understands and determines that it's in the best interest of the Oneida Tribe to file suit in the federal District Court to protect the resources and sovereign right of the Tribe to regulate its gaming activities.
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Oneida Tribal Attorneys, Gerald L. Hill and Jo A. Swamp and other Tribal Counsel as may be required, are hereby authorized to act expeditiously to bring suit in the appropriate federal form against the State of Wisconsin and its officials as may be necessary to protect the sovereign governmental rights of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, the resources it regulates and controls and the Oneida people.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all applicable federal laws, regulations and policies including the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, P.L. 100-497, shall be invoked to protect the valuable gaming enterprises conducted and regulated by the Oneida Tribe.

## <u>CERTIFICATION</u>

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 constitutes a quorum. 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 13 day of October 1989; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 members for; 0 members against, 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Amelia Cornelius, Tribal Secretary Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin