

# 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.

## RESOLUTION # 10-15-97E

### RESOLUTION OF THE ONEIDA NATION IN WISCONSIN

for

Approving the Formation of an "Interim Board"

for the purpose

of

Establishing an Oneida Nation Natural Resources Conservation District

on the

Oneida Reservation

#### WHEREAS:

1. The Oneida Nation as a Tribe does not have representation on the two existing conservation districts for Brown County and Outagamie County which are subdivisions of state government made possible under state law in response to a federal mandate; and

2. A conservation district is a geographical area established for conservation purposes with a board of directors that serve as a local unit of government, which prioritizes each and every conservation activity in their annual work plan and in their long-range plan and prioritizes who receives the benefits from programs. The district also assists in the delivery of services provided by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; and

3. The district board, working with local farmers, ranchers, and other land managers, balances the national conservation programs with the locally determined conservation needs; and

4. The conservation district board exercises authority granted in authorizing charters, provide local guidance to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in the setting of priorities, and offer long-term stability to the use and management of the natural resources within the district; and

5. The district board will have a broad range of powers and duties specific to the conservation of natural resources; and

6. Conservation districts can also be a subdivision of a reservation, made possible by tribal law and may only exercise the powers given to them by "the Oneida Tribal Constitution, (Tribal Law), "The Oneida Nation Administrative Procedures Act adopted August 19, 1991, and the Oneida General Tribal Council.

7. The level of USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service assistance is described in formal agreements which have already been approved and signed by the Oneida Tribal Chairwoman and by the United States Secretary of Agriculture as follows:

a. A Mutual Agreement Between the United States Department of Agriculture and the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin for their Cooperation in the Conservation of Natural Resources (June 7, 1996) and

b. Cooperative Working Agreement Between the United States Department of Agriculture and The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin for their Cooperation in the Conservation of Natural Resources (June 21, 1996)

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8. To form an Oneida Nation Natural Resources Conservation District that has a geographical area consisting of all Oneida Nation Reservation lands within a boundary coinciding with the **BUFFALO CREEK TREATY BOUNDARY OF 1838**, consideration of resource conservation needs and the operational framework requires the preparation of a formal resolution, ordinance, bylaws and supervisors manual; and

9. An "Interim Board" consisting of 5 voting members and a planner is needed to develop a time schedule and to perform all the steps in formulating a complete concept and process and to prepare the necessary documents including a formal resolution, ordinance and bylaws to establish the conservation district and a supervisors handbook to clarify and inform each board member of the district's purpose and functions as well as the member's own duties and responsibilities.

10. The work of the "Interim Board" will be ongoing until a permanent Natural Resources Conservation District Board has been established on or before October 1, 1998.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Business Committee hereby approves this resolution and identifies the following persons to perform the work necessary for establishing the Oneida Nation Natural Resources Conservation District and to prepare the necessary documents for approval by the Oneida Nation Business Committee. This "Interim Board" shall have an ongoing function until such time that a permanent Natural Resources Conservation District Board is in place:

Patricia A. Cornelius, Oneida Nation Farms Manager  
Mike S. King, Director of Natural Resources, Conservation Department  
Patrick J. Pelky, Area Manager Environmental Health and Safety  
Leanne Doxtater, Interim Planning Manager  
Lance Denny, Land Use Specialist, Zoning  
Parker J. Plitz, Community Planner II

#### 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 15th day of October, 1997; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 members for; 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

ORIGINAL RESOLUTION SIGNED BY

 Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

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