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. Post Office Box 365



Oneida, Wi 54155



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.

- 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 Nation opposes the planning, construction, transportation of, or any activity related to inherent risk of nuclear power plants, negative effects of radiation, dubious cost effectiveness of the nuclear industry, health, safety, and environmental concerns, negative impact on tourism, recreational industries and problems with the transportation, storage and final disposition of nuclear waste, all of which outweigh the negligible benefits of a nuclear power plant within the Oneida Reservation boundaries; and
- WHEREAS, the people of the Oneida Nation find the presence of nuclear materials and nuclear weapons facilities within the Oneida Indian Reservation and in the Fox River Bason in conflict with the quality of the Tribe's health, environment and economic well-being; and
- WHEREAS, the important and establishment of a nuclear power plant within the Oneida Reservation threatens to bring misery, death and a toxic legacy for this generation and for many zenerations to come and
- WHEREAS, in many cases, indigineous people have suffered and continue to suffer the most from radiation sickness, immune system difficulties, genetic destruction, cancer and death due to the development and use of nuclear technologies, and
- WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Oneida nation to declare the Oneida Reservation a nuclear free zone by banning all nuclear activities, including but not limited to: (1) uranium mining; (2) uranium milling; (3) fuel wrought assembly; (4) nuclear power plants; (5) nuclear weapons production plants; (6) nuclear weapons development; (7) deployment and testing; (8) transporting of radioactive materials, and (9) nuclear waste storage and disposal, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Oneida Nation urges the United States Government to take immediate actions to develop clean, renewable energy sources, for the creation of jobs that maintain the traditional Native American values of care taking and balance with natural creation.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Oneida Nation opposes the promotion of nuclear power plants in the Fox Valley Region which will threaten the health and welfare of all living things within the region.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That the Oneida Nation hereby declares the Oneida Indian Reservation a nuclear free zone and that all nuclear activities, including but not limited to nuclear power plants, nuclear weapons development, deployment and testing, transporting of radioactive materials and nuclear waste storage and disposal is hereby prohibited and banned from within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation.

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. 9 members where present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 16th day of October, 1996 that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 8 members for; 0 against; and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Mile Barton, Tribal Secretary Oneida Business Committee