

# 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.



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 10-26-11-C

### Prohibiting Weapons on Tribal Public Property, including Tribal Buildings, Gaming and Retail Establishments, Facilities, Construction Sites, Vehicles and at Tribally Sponsored Events

- 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,** on November 1, 2011, the State of Wisconsin's law allowing individuals to carry concealed weapons goes into effect, and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe's Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Law prohibits individuals from carrying concealed handguns and from transporting a handgun or other firearm in a vehicle unless it is unloaded and encased, and
- WHEREAS,** in addition to prohibiting concealed handguns and the transport of loaded firearms in a vehicle, the Tribe has determined that allowing individuals to carry any weapons, whether concealed or visible on Tribal public property and at Tribally sponsored events is outweighed by the Tribe's desire to protect Tribal members, patrons of Tribal businesses and Tribal employees.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** except for individuals who are actually engaged in the performance of the duties of their employment requiring them to carry a weapon, including sworn law enforcement officers or vendors who transport and/or distribute cash, no person shall carry a weapon, whether in the open or concealed, on Tribal public property, including in any Tribal building, gaming or retail business, facility, construction site, vehicle or at any Tribally sponsored event.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** signs informing the public that weapons are prohibited shall be placed on Tribal public property and at every entrance to Tribal buildings, gaming and retail businesses, facilities, construction sites and Tribally sponsored events.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** "weapon" as used in this Resolution includes guns, switchblade knives, knives with blades longer than three (3) inches that are not being used for food preparation, electric weapons, billy clubs, and any other similar instrument or device.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** Tribal departments may create stricter standards for the definition of the word "weapon" as necessary for their individual business needs.

**BE IF FINALLY RESOLVED,** an individual who violates this Resolution shall be removed from the premises and may be charged with criminal trespass.

## 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 were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 8 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, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

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