

# 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.

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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 # 11-8-95 F

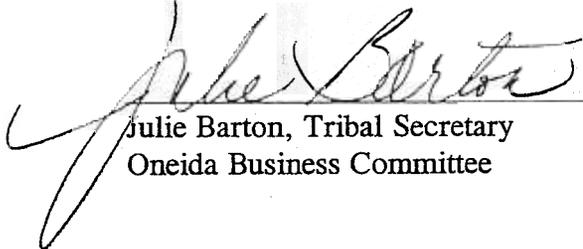
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian government, and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section I of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council, and
- WHEREAS, litigation between the State of Wisconsin and Oneida tribal members regarding fishing rights in Duck Creek is ongoing, and
- WHEREAS, settlement negotiations between the State of Wisconsin and the tribal members involved have been unproductive, and
- WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has demanded that the Oneida Nation give up rights guaranteed by the Treaty with the Oneida, 7 Stat. 566, February 3, 1838, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe has applied to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for program authority under Sections 303 and 401 of the Clean Water Act, and
- WHEREAS, the assertion of such jurisdiction is likely to be challenged by the State of Wisconsin, local governments, developers, businesses, and private citizens,
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe firmly believes that environmental issues are properly within its jurisdiction as they directly affect the health, safety, and welfare of the Oneida Nation and its members, in accordance with Supreme Court opinions in *U.S. v. Montana* and *Brendale v. Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Nation*, federal environmental laws and EPA policy, and

WHEREAS, continuing historical, legal, and factual research and expertise will be required to successfully defend the Oneida Nation's jurisdiction over environmental matters,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin hereby declares its intention to seek litigation support funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the purpose securing rights guaranteed to it under the Treaty of 1838, and for the purpose of defending its sovereign right to exercise its jurisdiction over environmental matters within the boundaries or otherwise affecting the health, safety and welfare of the people of the Oneida 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. 5 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1995; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such a meeting by a vote of 4 members for; 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee