

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 11-12-14-C

Proclamation Regarding the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin's Commitment to the My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the duly recognized governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and
- WHEREAS,** the General Tribal Council has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section I of the Oneida Tribal Constitution, and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee may be delegated duties and responsibilities by the Oneida General Tribal Council and is at all times subject to the review powers of the Oneida General Tribal Council, and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee, at the beginning of their term, has agreed to certain principles in conducting business between themselves and others and decision making which include creating and maintaining a "community atmosphere where we help each other and hold each other up;" and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has developed and agreed to Strategic Directions of which one is "Committing to Build a Responsible Nation"; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has defined its Strategic Directions as practical visions that will evolve in 3-5 years after commitment to our Strategic Directions, which include:
- A community that is actively engaged
 - Participation by the youth, elders and leaders
 - Creating civic engagement through youth leadership programs
 - Developing community unity
 - Developing a sense of pride to be Oneida
 - Promoting trust, accountability and team work
 - Supporting and fostering our language and culture
 - Creating housing opportunities
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin operates multiple programs that support the youth, elders, education, leadership development, and overall community wellbeing; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee, on October 22, 2014, received a request from Council Member Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, our representative on the National Convening Counsel of President Obama's initiative "My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge" for support from the Oneida Business Committee regarding the Tribal leader's kick-off meeting to be held at Thornberry Creek at Oneida; and
- WHEREAS,** President Obama has created the My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge initiative in February 2014 as a "call to action, and a targeted effort to convene leaders, identify effective strategies, and to work together to accomplish our shared goal of improving life outcomes for young people;" and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee supports the My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge commitment of "bringing together leaders, organizations, and people in

communities around the country to work to improve the life outcomes of young people in America. This is about doing what is smart for our youth, our economic future, and our entire community;" and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee finds that much of the action called for in President Obama's initiative falls in line with the planning and commitments to the Oneida Business Committee has made in its Group Leadership Agreements, Strategic Directions and Practical Visions upon coming into office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, hereby proclaims its acceptance of the My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge and commits to building a comprehensive plan for "cradle-to-college-and-career" approach.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee, recognizing that the cultural foundations of Tribal governments are founded in these similar commitments and challenges all Tribal governments to commit to the My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge and work together with local governments and communities to build comprehensive plans for "cradle-to-college-and-career" approaches.

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; 7 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 12th day of November, 2014; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 4 members for, 0 members against, and 1 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

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