

Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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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 # 11-17-93-10

- 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, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources first asserted that a portion of Duck Creek, which runs the length of the Oneida Indian Reservation is "off of the Reservation" for purposes of state jurisdiction over enrolled Oneida fishermen, and
- WHEREAS, Oneida people have used Duck Creek, including that portion identified by the DNR as "off the Reservation" as a usual and accustomed fishing place since 1822 and pursuant to the Oneida/Menominee Treaties of 1821 and 1822, the Menominee Treaty of 1831, and the Oneida Treaty of 1838 without challenge until 1992, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe regards its right to fish in the contested area as a lawful right protected by the treaties referred to, and
- WHEREAS, Continued DNR and state intransigence has forced the Oneida Tribe to consider vindicating its the aforementioned right in the federal courts, and
- WHEREAS, a great amount of historical and background research will be required to successfully vindicate the Oneida Tribe's treaty right to fish in the usual and accustomed places along Duck Creek,

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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 of aiding in the vindication of the Tribe's long-uncontested right to fish in Duck Creek.

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 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on
the 17th day of November, 1993; that the foregoing resolution was duly
adopted at such a meeting by a vote of <u>g</u> members for; <u>O</u> members against, and
members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in
any way.

Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary Oneida Business Committee