

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

BUSINESS COMMITTEE



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.

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RESOLUTION 1-19-00-A

Emergency Appointment of Land Claims Commissioners For An Interim Six Months

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian government and Treaty Tribe recognized by the laws of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida General 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 Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council, and

WHEREAS, since February of 1999, the Oneida Tribe has been in mediation with the seven parties involved in the New York Land Claims pursuant to an order issued by presiding Judge Neal McCurn who has appointed Ronald Riccio to mediate and bring forward an assessment of whether a negotiated settlement can be reached and what those terms of settlement may be, and

WHEREAS, Ronald Riccio has brought forward initial parameters for settlement to the negotiators of the Oneida Tribe, to whom this responsibility was delegated to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Oneida Business Committee, that needs the preliminary approval of the Oneida Tribe before the mediation sessions continue to move forward, and

WHEREAS, the negotiators for the Oneida Tribe are at a crucial stage in these negotiations and need to assess the preferences of our membership for acceptable objectives within the given parameters which will further these negotiations, and

WHEREAS, the Land Claims Commission, due to the quorum requirements of their existing operating policy and procedures, have been hampered in their ability to assist the Business Committee in gauging these preferences and in their communication efforts, and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the Oneida Tribe to support the additional appointments of Land Claims Commissioners in order to have an operational commission ready to assist the negotiators in their charge during this crucial stage in these mediation sessions.

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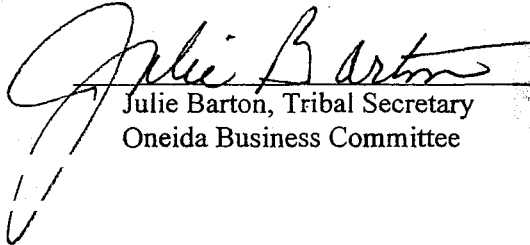
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oneida Business Committee hereby invokes their authority contained within the Emergency Rule of the Oneida Administrative Procedures Act Section VI. A. and amends the Oneida Land Claims Commission Operating Policy and Procedures Article V. Membership section, increasing the number of Land Claims Commission members from four (4) to seven (7) members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these three (3) appointments will be made upon the recommendations of the Chair and Vice Chair and confirmed upon a majority vote;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the emergency appointments of Gordon McLester III, Patty Hoeft and Terry Hetzel (with the alternate of Warren Skenandore should one of the three appointees decline the appointment) will not exceed six (6) months in term.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of nine members of whom 5 members constitute a quorum. 7 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 19th day of January, 2000; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee