



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

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

Phone: 869-2752



De Pere, WI 54115



UGWA DEMOLUN YATENE
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 9-2-81A

- WHEREAS: The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian government organized under the Indian Reorganization Act, and
- WHEREAS: Allan B. Smerud represented to the Oneida Tribe in all his dealings with them that he was a financial consultant with a firm known as Northwest Management Consultants of Superior, Wisconsin and that he possessed special expertise and experience in the field of financial management of Indian Tribal governments, and
- WHEREAS: Allan B. Smerud and Northwest Management Consultants have purported to have executed (copies attached) agreements with and binding upon the Oneida Tribe of Indians, the total of which agreements were in excess of \$100,000 and which agreements were never submitted to or approved by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior or his authorized delegate, and
- WHEREAS: Allan B. Smerud and Northwest Management Consultants have sued in the Courts of Wisconsin the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc. for \$42,500.00 (copies of pleadings attached).
- WHEREAS: The United States and its agencies, particularly the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the U.S. Department of the Interior, have a Trust responsibility to protect Indian people and their governments, and
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin hereby request the United States to exercise its Trust responsibility to assist and join it in defending against this action by Allan B. Smerud by having the Bureau of Indian Affairs Area Solicitor request the representation of the United States Attorney in this case.

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 8 members, constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 2 day of September 1981; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 for and 0 members against, 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Wanda Webster
WANDA WEBSTER - TRIBAL SECRETARY

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September 10, 1981

Superintendent, Great Lakes Agency

Request for representation of the United States Attorney
Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

Area Director, Minneapolis Area Office
Attn: Branch of Tribal Operations

Enclosed is a letter dated September 2, 1981, signed by Oneida Tribal Attorney, Francis R. Skenandore, and Resolution 9-2-81A adopted by the Oneida Business Committee on September 2, 1981. Both of these documents request that the United States join the tribe in defending against the action of Allan B. Smerud by having the Bureau of Indian Affairs Area Field Solicitor request the representation of the United States Attorney in this case.

It is our recommendation that the Field Solicitor request that the United States Attorney join and assist the tribe in defending against this action.

ROBERT P. ST. ARNOLD

Enclosures

cc: Field Solicitor, Twin Cities
Field Representative, Oneida
~~Oneida Tribal Chairman~~
Francis R. Skenandore, Oneida Tribal Attorney