

Res. No. 74-5-6-A

WHEREAS, a portion of the Oneidas emigrated to the Northwest Territory (now Wisconsin) in the 1820's, and

WHEREAS, such Oneidas negotiated with the Menominees of the Northwest Territory for lands exceeding 4,000,000 acres, and

WHEREAS, the Oneidas purchased such lands, and

WHEREAS, such land holdings were subsequently reduced to 500,000 acres through negotiations with United States Government officials, the Menominees and Col. Samuel C. Stambaugh, Agent, and

WHEREAS, such lands were finally reduced by Treaty in 1838 to a Reservation for the New York Emigrant Oneidas of 65,426 acres, and

WHEREAS, the United States Government, by its trustee status regarding Indian lands, was and is now accountable for retaining such lands and the natural resources thereon on behalf of Indian Tribes, and

WHEREAS, the pine forests on the Oneida Reservation were exploited in the 1870's by unprincipled non-Indians with the concurrence and conspiracy of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Agent assigned to the affairs of the Oneida Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the Oneidas of Wisconsin lost 99% of their Reservation lands by application of the Dawes Allotment Act of 1887 through land speculators, the concurrence of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Agent and the lack of knowledge of land ownership as perceived by non-Indians,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc. holds the United States of America accountable for the loss of all lands within the boundaries of the Oneida Reservation as designated in the Stambaugh Treaty of 1838 and the loss of all natural resources thereon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc. does claim fair and equitable compensation for the above-named losses.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Tribal Business Committee hereby certify that the Oneida Tribal Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 5 members, constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held on the 6 day of May 1974; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 members for, 0 members against; 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Margaret Doxtator  
Secretary, Oneida Tribal Business  
Committee