

# 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 # 3-13-02-O Milwaukee Polling Site

- 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 1 of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Constitution reflects an intent to promote the widest possible participation of Oneida people in their governance; and
- WHEREAS,** there is a large community of Oneida members located in the Milwaukee area, which constitutes the largest Oneida community outside of the Green Bay area; and
- WHEREAS,** members of the Oneida community in Milwaukee have sought the establishment of a polling site in Milwaukee; and
- WHEREAS,** there is an Oneida tribal facility located in Milwaukee, the Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services ("SEOTS") Building, which qualifies as a polling site under the Oneida Election Law; and
- WHEREAS,** Oneida members serving as local police in the Milwaukee area have offered their services at the polls; and
- WHEREAS,** the use of such polling site is likely to increase participation in tribal elections;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that an approved facility in compliance with the Oneida Election Law, 2.8-0, Section B, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is hereby designated as a second polling site for Oneida triennial elections, beginning with the July, 2002, election;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Oneida Police Chief is hereby authorized and directed to provide two (2) Oneida Police Officers for the Milwaukee polling site in order to provide the requisite police presence at the polling site required by the Oneida Election Law, at the July, 2002 elections, and for future triennial elections;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that votes shall be tabulated at the location where the votes were cast and the Election Board shall arrange for the video taping of the vote tallying at the polling locations;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the fiscal year 2002 General Fund, to cover the costs of providing the additional personnel needed at the site, and their expenses, such expenditures to be made at the direction of the Election Board Chairman; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Election Board Chairman and the Election Board official designated to serve at the Milwaukee polling site shall arrange a code providing for the secure telephonic or fax transmission of the Milwaukee count for release as preliminary returns at the time the reservation polling site count is released.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:** that the Oneida Election Board will work cooperatively with the Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) Board to determine the location of the Milwaukee polling site.

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. 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 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

## Statement of Effect

### **Resolution Establishing a Milwaukee Polling Site, Providing for a Police Presence, Appropriating Funds for Personnel Cost, and Providing for Transmission of Milwaukee Results**

#### Summary

This resolution is designed for the purpose of facilitating the casting of votes by members of the Oneida community in the Milwaukee area by establishing a tribal polling site in that area, beginning with the July, 2002 election. The resolution (a) designates a facility in Milwaukee be chosen in accordance with the Oneida Election Law, as a second polling site for the July, 2002 and future Oneida elections; (b) authorizes and directs Oneida Police Officer presence as required under the Oneida Election Law; (c) appropriates \$15,000 to cover the cost of election day staffing at the Milwaukee site; (d) and directs Election Board officials to devise a simple code to assure that preliminary Milwaukee returns reported by telephone or fax are authentic.

A public hearing was held on November 15, 2001. Revisions added since the public hearing include: votes shall be tabulated at the location where the votes were cast; and the Election Board shall arrange for the video taping of the vote tallying at the polling locations. Both the Tribal Election Board and Director of SEOTS have reviewed the revised resolution.

#### Conclusion

There are no legal issues which would preclude adoption of this Resolution.