

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin



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.

BC Resolution 02-13-13-D

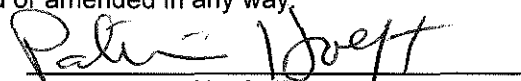
Opposition to Proposed Mine(s) and Changes to State Mining Laws

- 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 of America, 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 Tribe is in opposition of any proposed mine in the State of Wisconsin that has any adverse impacts on the environment, health and well-being of the people of Wisconsin, and
- WHEREAS** we also oppose any proposed changes to the state's mining laws and regulations which would significantly diminish these imperatives and allow harm that will afflict all residents of the state for generations, and
- WHEREAS** the Oneida Tribe is determined to uphold and respect our original instructions to care for and protect our Mother Earth for all time. We are born with the responsibility to leave this place better than we found it, to uphold the next seven generation philosophy, and promote sustainability in our daily decisions, and
- WHEREAS** the construction and operation of the mine will destroy the natural world around it, pollute the waters that provide subsistence for both Indians and non-Indians and end Wisconsin's longstanding traditions of protecting its natural resources.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, any proposed iron mine and the proposed changes to the state's mining laws are not sustainable visions for the future. The harm that this proposed mine will inflict on Indian and non-Indian residents of the state, the environment and the tourism industry cannot be justified by the short-term addition of jobs in the mining industry.

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; 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 13th day of February, 2013; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 members for; 0 members against; 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


Patricia Hoelt, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."