



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

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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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- 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, safety of persons engaged in lawful activities is a privilege ensured in the Wisconsin Constitution, and
- WHEREAS, Wisconsin, being a Public Law 280 State, is responsible for the public safety of Native Americans on and off the reservations, and public safety is a shared responsibility of State Officials, County Sheriffs, Judges and District Attorneys, and
- WHEREAS, safety is non-negotiable in terms of exchanging safety for other legal rights and privileges, and
- WHEREAS, the experience in 1988 and 1989 has shown that Native Americans and their families are victims of harassment and physical and verbal attacks when exercising their legal rights under the treaties, and
- WHEREAS, minimal fines have been assessed against perpetrators of the harassment, and assaults, and
- WHEREAS, treaty rights are protected in Article VI of the U.S. Constitution and reflect the inherent rights of the indigenous people of the country, and
- WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Attorney General is seeking an amendment to the Hate Crimes Legislation that would make interference with treaty rights a punishable offense under the Act and give the state concurrent prosecutory power.


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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that HONOR (Honor Our Neighbors Origins and Rights) to call the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin judges, Wisconsin Sheriffs, and District Attorneys to publicly declare their intent to use all means within their power to ensure the safety of Native Americans engaged in legal exercise of treaty rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that copies of this resolution be sent to all members of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation, the Constitutional officers of the State of Wisconsin, members of the State Legislature, all County Sheriffs, and District Attorneys, and Judges.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 constitutes a quorum. 9 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 12 day of Jan 1990; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 8 members for; 0 members against, 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Amelia Cornelius, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin