



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.

RESOLUTION # 2-23-90-B

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 sanctity of the dead for American Indians and Alaska Natives has never been respected by the dominant, non-Indian society, as evidenced by the untold thousands of deceased Native Americans that have been dug up from their final resting places;

WHEREAS, respect for the dead is a basic human right that is fundamental to all cultures, societies, and religions;

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is deeply concerned about the mistreatment of its dead and has experienced problems in the past over the protection of graves and reburial of its dead, and


WHEREAS, four important bills are now pending in Congress that will allow Indian and Native people the basic right to rebury their dead and will extend basic legal protections in the future to Native graves, human remains and funerary objects: S.1021 and S.1980 before the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs and H.R. 1381 and H.R. 1646 before the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin strongly supports repatriation, reburial and grave protection legislation that will allow Native people and tribes to rebury Native dead and will protect their dead from future mistreatment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin directs that this Resolution be mailed to its Representatives and Senators and to Senator Inouye and Representative Udall with a written request on behalf of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin for: 1) their strong support for such legislation; 2) to advise the Oneida Tribe as to their position on the issue; and 3) to inform the Oneida Tribe of any hearings on these important bills.

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 23rd day of February 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