

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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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

## RESOLUTION # 03-02-94-C

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, from a tribal perspective, the issue of repatriation is intertwined with other cultural issues that make up who we are as a people, which includes site preservation, language, oral history, traditional beliefs, music and the arts, and

WHEREAS, it is the Oneida Tribe's position that no museum or federal agency has the right to possess or display any objects that are deemed sacred nor any ancestral remains or funerary objects, and

WHEREAS, if there is evidence of lineal descent to any member of the Oneida community and any item discovered while in consultation with any museum or federal agency, said item(s) should be repatriated and returned to that member/family, and

WHEREAS, that repatriation back to the Oneida Tribe should go unhindered so as to ensure proper burial, care and/or use for the protection of the Oneida people for the next seven generations and beyond, and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 1993, the Oneida Business Committee referred action to the Legislative Operating Committee to prioritize the writing of policies and procedures as it pertains to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the drafting of said policies and procedures be a top priority of the LOC so consultation between the Oneida Tribe and other museums, federal agencies and any other entities or individuals may be initiated, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grants Department establish a priority for the completion of a grant application for submission to the Department of the Interior for funding under NAGPRA by March 25, 1994 to implement this act.

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 constitute a quorum. 9 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 2ND day of MARCH, 1994; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 8 members for; 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee