



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

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc.



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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 3-21-77-A

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc. is recognized as the governing body of the Wisconsin Oneidas, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Oneidas were forced from their ancestral lands in New York, and

WHEREAS, the New York lands of the Oneida Nation, from which the Wisconsin Oneidas are descended, were lost through treaties with the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the treaties both before and after 1790 with the State of New York were never supervised or ratified by the United States Congress, and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the United States to defend Oneida lands, and

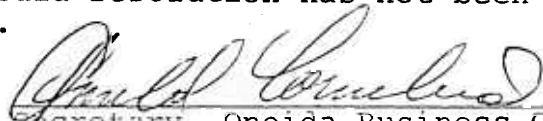
WHEREAS, damage actions cannot be brought after July 18, 1977.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Tribal Business Committee on behalf of the Oneida General Tribal Council hereby request the United States to enter suit on behalf of the Oneida Nation against all parties, including the State of New York and its political subdivisions, for possessory rights as well as all damages which have occurred since the Oneida Nation was originally and unlawfully dispossessed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such requested legal action be immediately initiated.

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 6 members, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held on the 24 day of March 1977, that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 members for, 0 against; 0 members not voting and said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


Secretary, Oneida Business Committee