

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 # 9-30-92-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 Oneida Tribe has condemned the use of Indian mascots in any form for any purpose especially athletic teams, as being disrespectful and racist in implication and destructive of the self-esteem of Indian children, and

WHEREAS, many enlightened school boards, civic leaders, politicians and citizens understand the real concerns of Indian people regarding this sensitive issue and acted on their beliefs to change these offensive mascot names and images to the benefit of all and detriment to no one, and

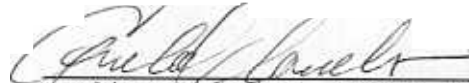
WHEREAS, certain corporate entities, such as the Washington Redskins, Cleveland Indians, Atlanta Braves and the Kansas City Chiefs have projected an intransigent posture by treating these names and images as their property in the same mentality as slave owners in the early United States, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe is dedicated to join other tribes, Indian entities and others in fighting the cynical practice of using Indian people for commercial and other purposes not in keeping with our human rights.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Tribe hereby declares its intent, alone or in concert with other tribes and nations, organizations and people to stop, in any lawful way, the insensitive and defamatory use of Indian characters, images and names for commercial or other public purposes such as professional sports teams like the Washington Redskins and others mentioned above.

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. 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 30TH day of SEPTEMBER, 1992; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 members for; 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Amelia Cornelius, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee