

# 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 # 3-3-93-A

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 cultural and spiritual survival of Native American people is closely tied to the continuation, preservation and well-being of our tribal religious traditions, and

WHEREAS, the right to worship is a fundamental human right that most Americans take for granted, and

WHEREAS, in Lying v. Northwest Indian Cemetery Protective Association, and in Employment Division, Dept. of Human Resources v. Smith, the Supreme Court ruled that the First Amendment does not protect traditional Native American sacred sites from destruction (Lying), or the peyote religion of the Native American Church (Smith), and

WHEREAS, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act has not prevented the Federal government from unnecessarily engaging in activities which impair or disturb Native American religious practices on federal lands,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Tribe urges Congress to enact legislation that will protect Native American religious and basic religious freedom, similar to that recently circulated to tribal leaders by Senator Inouye.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida Tribe petitions Congress to immediately hold hearings on legislative proposals that have been developed to protect Native American religious freedom, with the goal of passing legislation by the end of 1993.

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. 7 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 3RD day of MARCH, 1993; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 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