

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin



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.

BC Resolution 09-26-12-F Indigenous People's Day

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the duly recognized governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and
- WHEREAS,** the General Tribal Council has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section I of the Oneida Tribal Constitution, and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee may be delegated duties and responsibilities by the Oneida General Tribal Council and is at all times subject to the review powers of the Oneida General Tribal Council, and
- WHEREAS,** Columbus Day is recognized by the United States on the second Monday in October each year, and
- WHEREAS,** through resolution 9-11-91-B, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin disagreed with further recognition of Christopher Columbus by opposing AB375 which would have renamed a highway after Christopher Columbus and also declared 1992 as a year to correct historical inaccuracies, and
- WHEREAS,** on September 30, 1992, the Oneida Business Committee took action to place ads in major newspapers to correct historical inaccuracies, and
- WHEREAS,** many Native Americans do not view the recognition of Columbus Day as a positive era in their history, including the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and
- WHEREAS,** in an continued effort to educate and inform the public concerning the truth about Christopher Columbus, "the Columbus Day" federal holiday has been reclaimed as "Indigenous People's Day" in several communities throughout the United States, including South Dakota, California, Colorado, and Oklahoma, and
- WHEREAS,** proclaiming "Indigenous People's Day" is a concrete opportunity to denounce the historically inaccurate account of the "Discovery of America" by Columbus and associated false theories of the "Doctrine of Discovery" and "Manifest Destiny" whereby the genocide and violence of Indigenous peoples is not acutely considered, and
- WHEREAS,** reclaiming Columbus Day as Indigenous People's Day is also an opportunity to promote healing and wellness in Oneida whereby these legacies are inextricably connected to the existence of federal boarding schools, removal from traditional land and culture, and trauma from further acts of colonialism,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin hereby repudiates the Columbus legacy which is celebrated as a federally holiday on the second Monday in October, and claims this day as Indigenous People's Day to honor both Native Americans and Indigenous People around the globe.

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 5 members constitute a quorum; 9 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 26th day of September, 2012; that the forgoing 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia Hoeft".

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."