

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

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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 # 1-12-90-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 maintains a policy of resolution by conciliation and negotiation of issues of government with any other government, federal, state, or local as an act of governmental sovereignty, and

WHEREAS, issues of jurisdiction and regulation from time to time arise between governments, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe vigorously protects its Treaty Rights and the rights of all Tribes reserved pursuant to Treaties entered into with the United States and upheld by the Supreme Court, and

WHEREAS, federal legislation to limit Indian Treaty rights has been upheld by the United States Supreme Court based upon an arbitrary concept of Plenary Power, and

WHEREAS, anti-Indian forces have from time to time made a concerted effort to abrogate those governmental rights reserved to Indians by Constitutional Treaties by litigation and federal legislation, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Counties Association is an organization representing all 72 county governments in Wisconsin including those effected by the Chippewa off-reservation Treaty rights, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Counties Association, with whom the Oneida Tribe has worked cooperatively in the past, will participate in a meeting with their counterparts from other states and which meeting will not be open to the public, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe is gravely concerned that general and sensationalized issues generated at non-public meetings by anti-Indian and anti-Treaty partisans whose intransigent views have been publicized and are characterized by threats to seek "federally legislated" solutions to local Indian problems, and

- WHEREAS, such attempts to stampede the United States Congress into ill-advised and over general legislation which will not only confuse and separate individual issues of local concern but attempts to homogenize Indians issues. Such actions are based upon a spirit of meanness and devoid of serious responsibility. The Oneida Tribe deplores and will fight these actions.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe in protecting its sovereign governmental rights reserved by Treaty with the United States, Treaty of Oneida of 1838 (7 Stat., 566) will confront any and all attempts to abrogate our Treaty by federal legislation, including the Salt Lake City meeting on January 18, 19, and 20, 1990.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe will join other Indian Tribes and National Indian Organizations in fighting, by all lawful means, any and all attempts to abrogate or limit Indian Treaty Rights.

## <u>CERTIFICATION</u>

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 constitutes a quorum. 9 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 12th day of January 1990; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 8 members for; 0 members against, 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Amelia Cornelius, Tribal Secretary Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin