

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

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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 # 3-17-89-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 constant threat of termination of indigenous cultures due to perpetual and concerted interference with their ability to practice their languages, traditions and beliefs, is a problem that has plagued the Native Americans, including Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Native American Pacific Islanders, and;

WHEREAS, currently there is a movement of states to establish the English language as the official and only language sanctioned by these states ignoring the inherent right of indigenous people to preserve, protect and promote their own languages for the furtherance of their cultures into perpetuity,

WHEREAS, during the 100th Congress, S.J. Resolution 379 was passed unanimously in the Senate to establish the policy of the U.S. Government to preserve, protect, and promote the rights of indigenous Americans to use, practice, and develop Native American languages.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin supports and endorses the efforts of the Native American Language Issues organization to obtain the reintroduction in the 101st Congress of S.J. Resolution 379.

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 constitutes a quorum. 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 17th day of March 1989; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 members for; 0 members against, 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.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
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