

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.



Oneida, WI 54155



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 # 3-31-93-

- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Tribal 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 Tribal People are the first Americans in the State of Wisconsin and a very important part of the Wisconsin community, and are concerned how their culture and traditions are being used and misused and concerned about their concerns getting respect from the rest of the Wisconsin Communities, 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 people and their children, and
- WHEREAS, many enlightened civic leaders, politicians and citizens understand the real concerns of Tribal 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, the Oneida Tribe is dedicated to join other tribes, Tribal entitites and others in fighting the cynical practice of using Tribal 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 support the University of Wisconsin-Madison Athletic Board in the development of a policy which prohibits the University's Intercollegiate teams from playing other teams, that have Tribal mascots, symbols, nicknames, or logos.

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<u>C E R T I F I C A T I O N</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 constitute a quorum. $\underline{\mathscr{S}}$ members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 31ST day of MARCH, 1993; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of $\underline{\mathcal{T}}$ members for; \bigcirc members against, and \bigcirc members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Amelia Cornelius, Tribal Secretary Oneida Business Committee