

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, Inc.







Wisconsin 54155



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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 pos-

## RESOLUTION 73-8-6

- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin have a Comprehensive Economic Development Plan now in progress.
- WHEREAS, part of this Comprehensive Plan is land consolidation.
- WHEREAS, the original land base of the Oneida Tribe in 1821 was some 5,000,000 acres more or less in joint ownership with the Menominee Tribe.
- WHEREAS, by unfair dealing of the U.S. Government the land base of the Oneida Tribe was diminished to a paltry 65,731 by the accomplishment of the treaty of 1838 between the U.S. Government and the Menominee Tribe.
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe was the first ally of George Washington's Continental Army.
- WHEREAS, George Washington said, "If the Indians had been our enemies instead of our allies the war would not have ended in American Independence."
- WHEREAS, contrary to our Treaty of Fort Harmar in 1789, and the Treaty of Fort Stanwix 1784 the U.S. Government arbitarily included the Oneida Tribe in the Allotment Act (Dawys Act) of 1887.
- WHEREAS, the Oneida was coerced into forming townships, and seeking title to their individual allotments in name of progress.
- WHEREAS, this type of "progress" became a vehicle of dispossession for the Oneida Tribe through delinquent taxes, mortgage foreclosures, a host of eager real estate agents and a questionable B.I.A. Superintendent.
- WHEREAS, the land that makes up the Wisconsin State Reformatory's Camp Oneida consists of 1,631 acres of land which lies within the meets and bound of the original reservation (65,731) area.
- WHEREAS, Camp Oneida scheduled to be terminated in the present bi-annum.

- WHEREAS, as the Oneida Tribe wishes to incorporate said land (1,631 acres) into their Tribal holdings for the purpose of a Tribal farm.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oneida Tribe request that legislation be formulated and duly introduced in the Wisconsin State legislature whereby the State of Wisconsin would grant and deed to the Oneida Tribe the 1,631 acres of Aand, and the existing improvements thereon, that now make up Camp Oneida.

## CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret Cortate. Secretary of Oneida Business Committee hereby certify that Oneida Business Committee is composed of members, of whom members constitute a quorum were present at a meeting called, notice and held on day of day of light 1973; members were present. That the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by vote of members for, against members not voting. Said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.