



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 # 2-23-90-C

- 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 cultural and spiritual survival of Native American people is closely tied to the continuation and well-being of our cultural and spiritual traditions; and
- WHEREAS, Native American religions are based upon the natural world and religious and sacred sites are indispensable to the practice of those religions; and
- WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has ruled that there is no First Amendment right to challenge land management decisions that may impair or destroy the ability of Native American religious practitioners to exercise their religious rights; and
- WHEREAS, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act has not prevented the Federal Government from unnecessarily and capriciously engaging in activities which impair or disturb Native American religious activity on Federal lands;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin urges Congress to enact legislation that will protect Native American religions. At a minimum, such legislation must be binding upon Executive agencies, provide for a legal cause of action to enforce religious rights and ensure that Native American religions are not provided protection that is inferior to that accorded other religions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin petitions Congress to immediately hold hearings to refine legislative proposals that have been developed with the goal of enacting legislation by the end of 1990.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 2nd day of February 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