

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



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 # 3-16-90-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, Treaties between Indigenous American Indian Nations and Tribes and the United States were entered into pursuant to Article II, Section 2, Clause 2, of the United States Constitution and duly ratified by the United States Senate and by Article VI, Clause 2 became part of the "Law of the Land", and
- WHEREAS, these Treaties reserved to the Indians' rights of self government, their own laws, culture and religion which rights have been generally upheld by the United States Supreme Courts, and
- WHEREAS, despite the authority above recited, Indian Treaty rights have been undermined by the US Congress by the arbitrary and unilateral legal doctrine known as "plenary power", and
- WHEREAS, opponents of Indian treaty rights are again making a concerted effort to abridge and abrogate the rights of Indian governments to regulate activities on their own reservations, and
- WHEREAS, it is necessary that Indian people through their duly authorized governments join other Indian Nations and Tribes to protect their Treaties by formally agreeing to mutually aid and respect the sovereign rights of one another by an Inter-Indigenous Nations of North America Treaty under tenants of International law to include statement proposed at the National Coalition of Treaty Tribes Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota, on February 23, 24, and 25 1990, to unite;

For the purpose of perpetuating the friendship between and the mutual defense of the Indian nations, tribes and bands between each other, the parties to the treaty enter into the following articles and conditions, which ratified by their respective tribal governments, shall be binding on the parties.

ARTICLE I

The parties agree that they and their peoples shall remain friends with each other and all disputes that shall arise between them shall be resolved in a friendly manner in accordance with the customs and traditions of each party.


ARTICLE II

The parties agree that they shall come to the mutual defence of each other against all attacks on their sovereignty, culture and traditions by any non-Indian governments, entities and private persons to the fullest extent that they are able to do so.

Done at Rapid City, South Dakota on the 23rd day of February, 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. 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 16 day of March 1990; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 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