

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.

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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.

BC Resolution # 04-29-98-D

Support for Changing Names of Geographic Locations

WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council is the duly recognized governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of the Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the General Tribal Council has been delegated the authority of the Constitution of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee may be delegated duties and responsibilities by the Oneida General Tribal Council and is at all times subject to the review powers of the Oneida General Tribal Council, and

WHEREAS, the Name Change Committee at Cass Lake Bena High School has succeeded in educating the public regarding the use of the derogatory term "squaw," and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of a Minnesota Senator the Name Change Committee was able to get legislation enacted into law that required geographic locations which included the derogatory term in the name to be renamed by July of 1997, and

WHEREAS, this legislation resulted in changing 16 of the 19 names which has used that term, and

WHEREAS, the Name Change Committee continues to work with the remaining three locations to assure compliance with the State legislation, and

WHEREAS, the Name Change Committee has requested support in obtaining federal legislation of similar nature for federal lands with the derogatory term "squaw" in its title or name., and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee agrees that use of this term and its connotations result in a negative impact on Native Americans, Tribes, the general public, and especially the psychological impact on growth and learning of all children regarding Native American nations and individuals,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee hereby supports the efforts of the Name Change Committee to have the Bureau of Land Management draft and implement regulations requiring the elimination of the term "squaw" in all naming of geographic locations within federal jurisdiction, and


NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee hereby supports efforts of the Name Change Committee to have the United States Congress in developing and passing legislation that would require the elimination of the term "squaw" in all naming of geographic locations within federal jurisdiction and urge States to follow suit, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee hereby supports efforts of the Name Change Committee to have all States within the United States draft and adopt legislation similar to that adopted by the State of Minnesota, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee hereby offers congratulations to the Name Change Committee in the efforts it has had in removing this term from the names of geographic locations in Minnesota and informing the public regarding usage of this term and its affect on Native Americans and Tribes.

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 constitute a quorum. 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 29th day of April, 1998; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 members for; 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not be rescinded or amended in any way,



Deborah Doxtator, Tribal Chairwoman
Oneida Business Committee