

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 # 5-18-94G

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, we as Oneida Indian people, have suffered one to five hundred years of the most brutal genocide, ethnocide, and forced acculturation the world has ever seen; and

WHEREAS, at the hands of an alleged self-proclaimed superior race, the Oneida as an Indian people were compelled to assimilate, to speak English, to cut their hair, to act civilized; and

WHEREAS, their assimilation and acculturation process was the cause of the social, psychological, and spiritual degradation of the Oneida as Indian people, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida as a people have endured the challenge and adapted to the change, only to be subject to a secondary post traumatic assimilation era, by persons in positions of Administration, Management, and Supervision subjecting employees to adverse policy and procedures that are undesirable and detrimental to the Indian way of life, the culture and heritage, and

WHEREAS, the policy and procedures of any Oneida Department pertaining to dress codes, cutting of one's hair, recognition of Christian Holidays, recognition of certain holidays acknowledged by the U. S. Government vs. recognition of the Oneida Traditional values, heritage, and cultural practices are in violation of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968, and the Indian Religious Freedom Act.

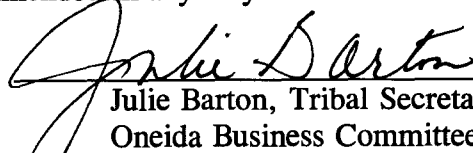
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that now is the time for a new beginning; a time to heal. A time to re-examine the actions of the past and most important, to assume responsibility of the present.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that we, as a Nation, allow ourselves as leaders to experience the healing process to assist our people to a state of mind which creates in individuals a healthy, happy life path, of positive self-concepts.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: that the Oneida, as a Nation, move away from being victims and become a people again, who can determine our own direction by utilizing criteria and choices in the development and enacting of policy and procedures that are sensitive, and compatible with our Oneida culture and heritage and that will allow us to exercise our spiritual beliefs, speak our language, wear our hair long, and to be true Oneida people as the Creator intended us to be.

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. 7 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 18 day of MAY, 1994; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 members for; 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

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