



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

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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 # 11-3-89-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, for thousands of years, the Gwich'in Athabascan Indians of northeast Alaska and Northwest Canada have relied on caribou for subsistence, and continue today to subsist on the Porcupine Caribou Herd which is essential to meet their nutritional, cultural and spiritual needs, and
- WHEREAS, the Gwich'in have the inherent right to continue their way of life, and this right is recognized and affirmed by civilized nations in the international covenants on human rights and in Article 1 of both the International Government and Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which read in part: "In no case may a people be deprived of its own means of subsistence;" and,
- WHEREAS, the health and productivity of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, their availability Gwich'in communities and the very future of the Gwich'in people are endangered by proposed oil and gas exploration and development in the calving and post-calving grounds in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge - Coastal Plain; and,
- WHEREAS, the entire Gwich'in Nation was called together by its Chiefs in Arctic Village, June 5-10, 1988 to carefully address this issue and to seek the advice of Gwich'in elders; and,
- WHEREAS, the Gwich'in people of every community from Arctic Village, Venetie, Fort Yukon, Beaver, Chalkytsik, Birch Creek, Steven's Village, Circle and Eagle Village in Alaska, and Old Crow, Fort McPherson, Arctic Red River, Aklavik and Inuvik in Canada, have reached consensus in their traditional way, and now speak with a single voice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin calls on the United States Congress and President to: 1) recognize the rights of the Gwich'in people to continue to live their way of life; and 2) prohibit development in the calving and post-calving grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

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 3 day of Nov 1989; 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.

  
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Amelia Cornelius, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin