

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

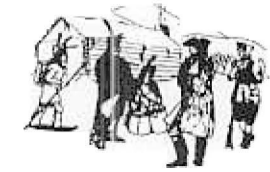
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UGWA DEMOLUM YATEHE
Because of the help of
this Oneida Chief in
cementing a friendship
between the six nations
and the colony of
Pennsylvania, a new
nation, the United States
was made possible.



Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

RESOLUTION 12-21-94-B

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 Oneida Tribe has condemned the use of Indian Mascots, logos and nicknames in any form for any purpose, as being disrespectful and racist in implication and destructive of the self-esteem of Indian people and their children, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe has declared its intent, to counter the use of such logos by acting alone, or in concert with other tribes and nations, organizations and other people through the adoption of RESOLUTION BC-3-31-93-A, and

WHEREAS, it is unconscionable that Wisconsin public schools continue to be the vehicles of institutionalized racism which promote and maintain stereotypes about Indian people through the retention of these symbols, and

WHEREAS, enrolled members of the Oneida Tribe, adults and children, have been engaged in the struggle for growth and change in Wisconsin public school districts retaining these logos and nicknames, and

WHEREAS, these Oneida tribal members and other native people have publicly and formally objected to these logos under Wisconsin Statute 118.13, Public Discrimination Prohibited, and have been subjected to offensive and dangerous forms of abuse and harassment in the communities where they reside, and

WHEREAS, the particular school districts involved have been made aware of the Oneida Tribe's position as set forth in RESOLUTION BC-3-31-93-A, and

WHEREAS, the school districts in question are fully aware of and at times, participate in the public humiliation and harassment of native people, who in any way voice objection to these logos, mascots, and nicknames; and these districts have either failed to, or refused to protect the native children attending their schools, and

WHEREAS, several Oneida tribal members have now stepped forward to request the assistance and protection of the Oneida nation for their children and other native children who are daily exposed to extreme acts of racial harassment and discrimination within these districts and communities, and

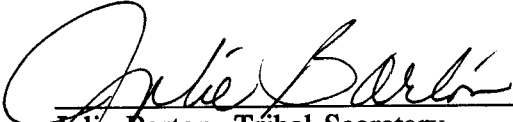
WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe recognizes this entire process as a continuation into modern times of the tragic and deplorable history of cultural abuse perpetrated on and endured by generation of our ancestors, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe remains committed to protecting and upholding the human rights of our people wherever they reside.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Oneida Tribe hereby declares its intent to file formal, written complaints (at the request of parents) with all K-12 school districts which persist in the use of these derogatory, offensive and racist mascots, symbols, nicknames or logos.

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. 9 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 29th day of December, 1994; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 8 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