

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 # 03-02-94-C

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, from a tribal perspective, the issue of repatriation is intertwined with other cultural issues that make up who we are as a people, which includes site preservation, language, oral history, traditional beliefs, music and the arts, and

WHEREAS, it is the Oneida Tribe's position that no museum or federal agency has the right to possess or display any objects that are deemed sacred nor any ancestral remains or funerary objects, and

WHEREAS, if there is evidence of lineal descent to any member of the Oneida community and any item discovered while in consultation with any museum or federal agency, said item(s) should be repatriated and returned to that member/family, and

WHEREAS, that repatriation back to the Oneida Tribe should go unhindered so as to ensure proper burial, care and/or use for the protection of the Oneida people for the next seven generations and beyond, and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 1993, the Oneida Business Committee referred action to the Legislative Operating Committee to prioritize the writing of policies and procedures as it pertains to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the drafting of said policies and procedures be a top priority of the LOC so consultation between the Oneida Tribe and other museums, federal agencies and any other entities or individuals may be initiated, and

