



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, Inc.



UGWA DEHOLUN 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.

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VIOLATION OF PRESIDENTIAL MANDATE AS EXPRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OF JULY 8, 1970.

Whereas, President Nixon in his historic message on America's Indians of July 8, 1970, strongly advocated a policy of self determination without termination; and

Whereas, President Nixon strongly underscored the needs for establishing an Indian Trust Counsel Authority to reinforce the United States Government's role as legal trustee as an advocate for protecting the land and water rights of Indians; and

Whereas, in his message President Nixon pointed out the inherent conflict of interest that exists in this area between the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice; and

Whereas, recent job shifts in the Bureau of Indian Affairs that have caused demotion of Mr. Leon Cook from Acting Director of Economic Development, and the transfer of Mr. William Veeder from the Washington office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Phoenix Area where they can be "controlled," and

Whereas, both of these men have been nationally recognized by Indians for their strong advocacy for protecting the land and water rights of Indians; and

Whereas, their respective job shifts strongly suggest that the Department of Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs by these restrictive actions on promoting a change in direction in clear contradiction of the advocacy of Indian property rights as expressed by the President's message of July 8, 1970, and

Whereas, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin has strongly suggested the letter and spirit of President Nixon's historic message of July 8, 1970,

do hereby, express extreme dismay for the personnel actions involving Mr. Leon Cook and Mr. William Veeder.

Now therefore be it resolved that Mr. Leon Cook and Mr. William Veeder be reinstated to their previous positions where they can continue to advocate the Government's role as trustee and protector of Indians natural resources and water rights of Indian people.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members, of whom 6 being present constituted a quorum at such meeting by an affirmative vote of 5 for and 0 against, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in anyway.

Amelia Cornelius
Secretary