

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 # 8-21-91-D

- 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 established good relations with other Indian, State and local governments based upon existing law as well as mutual respect, and
- WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) has in the past attempted to introduce and generate support for legislation to modernize and abrogate Indian Treaty Rights, including presentation of such proposals to the National Association of Counties (NACO), and
- WHEREAS, the NACO has not adopted the propositions proposed by WCA but has adopted less onerous and generally acceptable positions and policies regarding Indian Treaty Rights which nonetheless are objectionable in respect to the proposal to establish a County/Tribal Mediation Model which would obviate existing remedies and require mediation and arbitration of conflicts between counties and tribal governments, and
- WHEREAS, the Mediation Model proposed by NACO would require time consuming processes that would be inefficient and costly as well, and
- WHEREAS, ultimate settlement of governmental disputes must be participated in directly by the disputants and recourse to federal courts has been an effective option when direct negotiations fail, and
- WHEREAS, the remedies proposed by the County/Tribal Mediation Model are presently available to disputant governments, at their discretion without the need for more federal legislations.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Tribe hereby opposes that part of the policies and proposals of the National Association of Counties which formally recommends to the United States Government the enactment of federal legislation that would create a federally funded program and agency whose sole responsibility would be to process conflicts between Tribal and County Governments, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida Tribe opposes any federal legislation that will undermine the legal rights of Tribal governments guaranteed by Treaties entered into between Indian tribes and the United States by such treaties to amendment, modification, revision or modernization or any other term the effect of which would be to diminish the sovereign rights of the Tribal Government, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Oneida Tribe urges and encourages other Tribal governments and organizations of which they are members to oppose this proposal of NACO that will not only promote bad relations between the Tribe and County governments but will inhibit and deter good communications in the future.

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 constitute a quorum. 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 21st day of August, 1991; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 members for; 0 members against, and 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 Business Committee