



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

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RESOLUTION # 9-11-91-B




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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.

- 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 recognized the historical inaccuracies of the so-called discovery of North America by Christopher Columbus, and documented in books such as American Indian Holocaust and Survival by Russell Thornton and many other academic studies, and
- WHEREAS, Christopher Columbus is symbolic of the oppression and genocide that Indians have suffered in the years since 1492, that some Indian Nations no longer exist, the loss of lands and governmental authority as well as the destruction of Indian families and the introduction of European diseases, and
- WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Development has arbitrarily proposed to change the name of State Highway 151 to Christopher Columbus Highway which is both misleading to the public and offensive to Indian people in Wisconsin, and
- WHEREAS, the policy of the State of Wisconsin is and in the past has been to recognize the diversity and respect for all who have lived in Wisconsin at different times, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe wishes to strongly and publicly state its opposition to AB375 and to suggest instead, if change be necessary, a designation reflective of historical accuracy and cultural respect.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Tribe hereby opposes AB375, Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Highway, by reason of it's historically misleading basis and cultural disrespect, we suggest renaming Highway 151 within respect of all people and cultures in Wisconsin and declaring 1992 as a year to correct the historical facts that Indian people have survived such atrocities as theft of land, usurpation of governmental rights, destruction of Indian families, communities, culture and language and the introduction of European diseases.

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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 11th day of September, 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.


Amelia Cornelius, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee