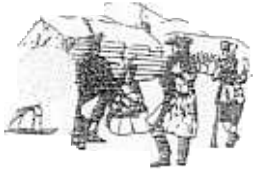


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Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.



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.

BC Resolution # 08-13-97A

Resolution Regarding Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Interior Appropriations Bill

WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council is the duly recognized governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of the Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the General Tribal Council has been delegated the authority of the Constitution of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee may be delegated duties and responsibilities by the Oneida General Tribal Council and is at all times subject to the review powers of the Oneida General Tribal Council, and

WHEREAS, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Interior Appropriations Bill for FY1998 has two sections that will detrimentally impact the sovereignty and self-governance of Indian Tribes, and

WHEREAS, Sections 118 and 120 of the Interior Appropriations Bill will hold hostage the Tribal Priority Allocation Revenue, and is an attempt to abrogate treaty obligations as well as the federal trust responsibility to Tribes by requiring Tribes to relinquish an essential attribute of a government through a waiver of sovereign immunity, and

WHEREAS, Tribes have begun a growth in self-governance through the programs funded by the Tribal Priority Allocation Revenue and the self-governance program itself which allows Tribes to bring programs and employment to Tribal members and the local communities, and

WHEREAS, creating restrictions or encumbrances on these programs serves to undermine this growth in self-governance by Tribes which will negatively impact future growth and self-reliance of the Tribe, and individual members through programs run and in some cases partially funded by the Tribe, and


WHEREAS, Neither Tribes nor the Senate Indian Affairs Committee were consulted regarding the language or impact of these sections by the subcommittee nor were they requested to give testimony or participate in a hearing,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee hereby informs the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that it opposes inclusion of the language in Sections 118 and 120 and the Oneida Business Committee hereby supports Senators Campbell and Inouye in their proposed action to strike these amendments from the Interior Appropriations Bill on the floor of the Senate, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee urges all Tribes to support Senators Campbell and Inouye in this action to strike these sections.

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. 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 13th day of August, 1997; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 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