

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin



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 07-28-10-A

Resolution Opposing the Use of Race-Based Mascot Images

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the duly recognized governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and
- WHEREAS,** the General Tribal Council has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section I of the Oneida Tribal Constitution, 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 Oneida Business Committee has consistently and continuously expressed opposition to the use of race-based mascot images by educational institutions, sports teams and other institutions; and
- WHEREAS,** in Resolution BC-9-30-92-B, the Oneida Business Committee "...declares its intent, alone or in concert with other tribes and nations, organizations and people to stop, in any lawful way, the insensitive and defamatory use of Indian characters, images and names for commercial or other public purposes such as professional sports teams...; and
- WHEREAS,** in Resolution BC-3-31-93-A, the Oneida Business Committee expressed its commitment to working with the University of Wisconsin system to develop a policy that it would not participate in sports events that included teams utilizing race-based mascot images, names, and characters; and
- WHEREAS,** the University of Wisconsin-Madison, on September 13, 1993, adopted a policy which supported a prohibition on race-based mascots, discouraged participation in sports events that included teams with race-based mascots, and finally committed to engaging in development of a similar policy within the sports conferences of which the school is a member; and
- WHEREAS,** in Resolution BC-12-21-94-B, the Oneida Business Committee declared, "...its intent to file formal, written complaints (at the request of parents) with all K-12 school districts which persist in the use of these derogatory, offensive and racist mascots, symbols, nicknames or logos"; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution BC-2-24-1999-A, the Oneida Business Committee supported "...the Cass Lake Bena High School NAME CHANGE COMMITTEE in their efforts to bring awareness and requests for change on all public places and literature where the offensive words are used" as a result of the issue being brought forward to the school by Native American students; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution BC-5-19-2004-C, the Oneida Business Committee filed its objection "...to the name "Resort at Squaw Creek" because it is politically incorrect and perpetuates American Indian stereotypes that demean the history and culture of Native Nations and Native American Women"; and

WHEREAS, it is unfortunate in this day of enlightenment and advances in society and government that race-based mascots continue to appear in educational, sports and other institutions in light of the knowledge that those race-based mascots are offensive and derogatory, and sends a negative image and demoralizes the self-awareness of children, adults, parents, and communities with strong, positive and enduring cultures and histories; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee supports the Wisconsin State Legislature that passed the S.B. 25 and the A.B. 35 which provides a process to hear complaints of derogatory and defamatory usages of race-based images and mascots; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee continues to assert that race-based mascots deliberately, and in a derisive manner, portray Native Americans, Tribes, Tribal governments and Tribal cultures and should be rejected on all occasions and in all uses; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Oneida Business Committee does reaffirm its stance in opposition to all uses of race-based mascots, names, and images as being derogatory and derisive and harmful to Native Americans, Tribes and tribal governments.

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 28th day of July 2010; 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.


Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie.