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Oneida Nation Praises Passage of the “Purple Heart Reservation” Bill A special thanks to Lead Authors Rep. Jim Steineke and Sen. Robert Cowles

(Oneida Reservation) – On Wednesday, February 23, 2022, the State Assembly concurred passage of Senate Bill 969 that will allow the Oneida Nation to erect Purple Heart signs on state highways within the Nation’s reservation. SB-969 passed the State Senate the day before on February 22, 2022.

In 2019, the Wisconsin State Military Order of Purple Heart Chapter 164, led by two of our cherished Purple Heart recipients, the late George Greendeer Sr. and Cletus Ninham, worked with the Nation’s leadership and veteran’s groups to declare the Oneida Reservation a Purple Heart Reservation. Subsequently, a community event was held by the Military Order of Purple Heart to erect a monument honoring our veterans and recognizing Oneida purple heart recipients.



“The Oneida Nation is proud of our military service, as Oneida people have served in every war on the side of the United States since the Revolutionary War,” stated Oneida Nation Councilwoman Marie Summers. “We hold our veterans in the highest regard. On behalf of the Oneida Nation, I wish to also express our appreciation to Senator Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay) and Representative Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) for taking the lead to ensure timely passage of this legislation.

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