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Oneida Indian Nation Statement Regarding Foundation Announcement by Washington NFL Team Owner Dan Snyder

ONEIDA NATION HOMELANDS (NY) (March 25, 2014) The Oneida Indian Nation, which leads the national Change the Mascot campaign, responded today to an announcement from Washington NFL team owner Dan Snyder that he would start a foundation to benefit Native Americans while continuing to denigrate them by using the dictionary defined R-word racial slur as the name and mascot of the team.

Oneida Indian Nation Representative Ray Halbritter said in response to the announcement:

“We’re glad that after a decade of owning the Washington team, Mr. Snyder is finally interested in Native American heritage, and we are hopeful that when his team finally stands on the right side of history and changes its name, he will honor the commitments to Native Americans that he is making.”

“We are also hopeful that in his new initiative to honor Native Americans’ struggle, Mr. Snyder makes sure people do not forget that he and his predecessor George Preston Marshall, a famous segregationist, have made our people’s lives so much more difficult by using a racial slur as the Washington team’s name.”

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