2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 959

February 7, 2022 - Introduced by Representative STEINEKE, cosponsored by Senator COWLES. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

AN ACT to amend 86.19 (1); and to create 86.19 (1o) of the statutes; relating to: authorizing Purple Heart Reservation highway signs on the Oneida Reservation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau
This bill authorizes the Oneida Nation to erect signs in a highway right-of-way denoting that the Oneida Reservation is a Purple Heart Reservation. Under current law generally, no sign may be placed in a highway right-of-way unless the sign is necessary for the guidance or warning of traffic.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 86.19 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

86.19 (1) Except as provided in sub. (1m) or (1n), or (1o) or s. 84.01 (30) (g), no sign shall be placed within the limits of any street or highway except such as are necessary for the guidance or warning of traffic or as provided by ss. 60.23 (17m) and 66.0429. The authorities charged with the maintenance of streets or highways shall cause the removal therefrom and the disposal of all other signs.
**SECTION 2.** 86.19 (1o) of the statutes is created to read:

86.19 (1o) Notwithstanding sub. (1), the governing body of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin may erect and maintain within the right-of-way of any highway within the boundaries of the Oneida Reservation signs denoting that the Oneida Reservation is a Purple Heart Reservation. No sign under this subsection may be placed within the right-of-way of a highway designated as part of the national system of interstate and defense highways. A sign placed under this subsection is not a traffic control device and is not subject to the provisions of the Wisconsin manual on traffic control devices adopted by the department under s. 84.02 (4) (e).

(END)