

WHY You Should Sign This Petition!
A PETITION TO PREVENT THE USE OF THE WORD "SQUAW"
AS A GEOGRAPHIC DESIGNATION IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.

Doesn't the word "squaw" Have its origins in Indian Languages?

Yes, it does. In Mohawk (an Iroquois language) the word "otsiskwa" refers to female genitalia. In eastern Algonquin languages "skwa" means woman and is the root of many words. The word "SQUAW" has been abused until its common usage is offensive to Indian people from many different tribes. Recently the state of South Dakota changed the geographical designation of "Squaw Hump table", the site of a rape.

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