

**Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin  
BUSINESS COMMITTEE**



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.

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**RESOLUTION # 3-16-00-1**

**REGARDING PARDON OF MATTHEW POWLESS**

- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian Government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV., Section 1 of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Screening Committee has presented a Pardon Petition on behalf of MATTHEW POWLESS, and
- WHEREAS, the requirements of the Oneida Pardon Ordinance and Oneida Pardon Procedures Policy have been fulfilled, and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Screening Committee hereby recommends DENYING the pardon petition of MATTHEW POWLESS, Petitioner.

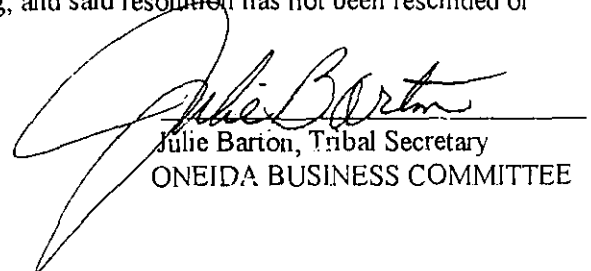
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Oneida Business Committee by this resolution hereby:

GRANTS the Pardon of \_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner and notifies the Oneida Nation and its employing agencies that the Petitioner is recognized as a member of the Oneida Nation to have all the benefits and employment opportunities available to all other persons as if the criminal past pardoned by this Resolution did not exist. This pardon is granted by the signature of all members of the Oneida Business Committee members on the attached Pardon Certificate

DENIES the Pardon of MATTHEW POWLESS, Petitioner and notifies the Petitioner that he/she may request another pardon after one (1) year from the date of certification of this document.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of nine (9) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum. 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000; the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 members for; 0 members against; and 2 members not voting; and said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE