

Media Advisory
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STATEMENT FROM GAYOGHÓ:NQ' (CAYUGA NATION) COUNCIL OF CHIEFS AND CLANMOTHERS TO BE READ BY CONDOLED CHIEF REGARDING U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR VIOLATING SOVEREIGNTY AND TREATIES BY EMPOWERING CLINT HALFTOWN AMID TYRANNY AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES

WATERLOO, NY – Gayogohó:nq' (Cayuga Nation) speakers will present public statements about ongoing abuses perpetrated by Clint Halftown, with time for questions from the press. The U.S. Department of Interior continues to engage with Halftown as a representative of the Cayuga Nation, despite the Council of Chiefs and Clanmothers removing him from a representative role numerous times since the early 2000s. Condoled Bear Clan Chief Hoya:neh Shoyq:we:s (aka Sam George) will share a statement on behalf of the Council of Chiefs and Clanmothers, the governing body of the Cayuga Nation as per the Great Law of Peace. Gayogohó:nq' Nation citizen and community organizer Dylan Seneca will speak on behalf of traditional Gayogohó:nq' citizens.

Gayogohó:nq' citizens face escalating acts of oppression and criminalization by Halftown and his illegitimate "Cayuga Nation Police" & "Tribal Court." Momentum to address the many injustices flowing from US federal recognition of Halftown continues to build through Gayogohó:nq' diplomatic efforts and a movement of non-Gayogohó:nq' allies' prompting local U.S. governments to speak to this issue. However, the Department of Interior has re-opened a land-into-trust application submitted by Halftown. Biden-appointees, including the U.S.'s first Indigenous Secretary of the Interior, have taken up their offices in recent months and have the opportunity to correct their predecessors' wrongdoings.

WHAT: Gayogohó:nq' (Cayuga Nation) Press Conference

WHO: Condoled Bear Clan Chief Sachem Sam George delivering statements of the Gayogohó:nq' Council of Chiefs and Clanmothers; Community statements delivered by Dylan Seneca

WHEN: Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, 3 pm

WHERE: Quality Inn, 2468 State Route 414, Waterloo, NY 13165

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