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) to expand your familiarity with necessary pieces of context you may be unfamiliar with. To help make the list approachable, the sources are labeled with numbers corresponding to a relevant place in the resolution where that document may be informative, in the order these topics arise within the resolution. (These sources have been compiled as a courtesy to help educate those deciding their position on this resolution, but the final draft of the resolution would not include these numbered notes.)

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Resolution Urging the Department of Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs to Heed Gayogohó:nq' Removal of Clint Halftown from Representative Role

WHEREAS, the sovereign nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy lived sustainably since time immemorial in the region that now includes most of New York State, before the arrival of European colonists, and

WHEREAS, the Two Row Wampum Treaty¹ (the first agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and European settlers in 1613, the principles of which were later extended to the United States) commits to noninterference in one another's governance affairs while proceeding in relationships of peace and friendship, and

WHEREAS, according to the Haudenosaunee Confederacy's Great Law of Peace², the governing body of the Gayogohó:nq' (Cayuga Nation) is the Council of Chiefs, and

WHEREAS, according to the Haudenosaunee Confederacy's Great Law of Peace², Chiefs are chosen by Clanmothers in a consensus process known as coming to "one mind" amongst Nation citizens, Clanmothers, and Chiefs, with their role then confirmed through a "large condolence" process, and

WHEREAS, as the Gayogohó:nq' Council of Chiefs and Clanmothers has reminded the federal government, within the Gayogohó:nq' system of governance, "there is no role of 'Nation Representative'"³; however, as a courtesy to help ease the U.S. government's administrative burden of carrying out its contractual and treaty obligations to Indigenous Nations, the Nation's governing body has previously designated such a representative to serve as a point of contact⁴, and

WHEREAS, the person currently recognized by the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as the above-described representative of the Cayuga Nation, Clint Halftown, had been acting as a temporary clan representative during an interim period until a Chief was condoled to serve on the Council, but was removed from his representative position by his Clanmother and the Council of Chiefs through governance processes of the Great Law of Peace, as publicly described by the Gayogohó:nq' on multiple occasions⁵, and

WHEREAS, in open contradiction of the Gayogohó:nq' Council of Chiefs and Clanmothers, the DOI and BIA continue to recognize Clint Halftown as a representative of the Cayuga Nation, and

WHEREAS, Clint Halftown ordered the February 22, 2020 overnight demolition⁶ of Gayogohó:nq' community buildings in Seneca Falls, including a schoolhouse used for learning language and longhouse ways, and gardens, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the principles of the Two Row Wampum, the Gayogohó:nq' have put forth requests for help (including within a May 15, 2021 letter from the Council of Chiefs⁷), asking those within the U.S. to hold the U.S. government accountable for its failure to heed the Council of Chiefs and Clanmothers' removal of Halftown, and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the City of Ithaca passed a resolution⁸ in support of the Two-Row Wampum Renewal campaign, calling on citizens of the City of Ithaca and on the State of New York to build positive and respectful relations with their Native neighbors and all Native Peoples, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that The City of Ithaca urges the DOI and BIA to immediately cease recognizing Clint Halftown as a representative of the Nation

RESOLVED, further, that The City of Ithaca will engage with the Gayogohó:nq' Council of Chiefs and Clanmothers in all matters pertaining to the City's government-to-government relationship with the Nation

RESOLVED, further, that a copy of this resolution will be sent to the following officials:

US President Joe Biden

US Secretary of the Interior Debra Anne Haaland

US Department of Interior Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary -- Indian Affairs Bryan Newland;

US BIA Director Darryl LaCounte;

US Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) -- Eastern Regional Director Kimberly Bouchard;

NY Governor Kathy Hochul;

US Senator Charles Schumer;

US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand;

US Congressperson John Katko

US Congressperson Tom Reed;

NYS Assemblyperson Anna Kelles;

NYS Senator Thomas O'Mara;

This resolution will take effect immediately.

We the undersigned show our support for this Resolution Urging the DOI and BIA to Heed Gayogóhó:nq' Removal of Clint Halftown from Representative Role.

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