

RESOLUTION calling for the Town Board of Enfield, Tompkins County, New York to communicate to the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs its concern for the wellbeing of the Cayuga nation people in the light of recent events that suggest their safety may be threatened.

WHEREAS, the Town of Enfield, New York is located within the traditional territory of the Gayogohó:nq' (Cayuga Nation) of the Haudenosaunee Six Nation Confederacy (Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora), and

WHEREAS, the Town of Enfield wishes to express its kinship with the Cayuga Nation citizens, and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga Nation has been engaged in a prolonged leadership dispute, and

WHEREAS, this dispute was greatly intensified by the 2/22/2020 destruction of twelve buildings comprising the traditional Cayuga residents' community hub, by order of Clint Halftown, the Bureau of Indian Affairs' designated "Federal Representative",

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Town of Enfield's Board of Directors send the attached letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs urging the Bureau to take a proactive role in protecting the traditional Cayuga Nation's citizens, by undertaking a thorough investigation into these recent affairs, and reassessing the competence and effectiveness of its designated "Federal Representative".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Enfield continue its friendship with the traditional leadership of the Cayuga Nation, and seek its advice and counsel in protecting the health of the Town's land, water and air.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the attached letter be sent out to the following officials:

US Senator Charles Schumer;

US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand;

US Congressperson Tom Reed;

NYS Senator Peter Oberacker;

NYS Senator Pamela Helming;

NYS Senator Thomas O'Mara;

NYS Assemblyperson Anna Kelles;

NY Governor Kathy Hochul;

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

US BIA Director Darryl LaCounte;

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

US Secretary of the Interior Debra Anne Haaland