



1 **Resolution 18: Calling on the Cornell University**
2 **Administration to Publicly Support the Gayogohó:nq’**
3 **(Cayuga Nation) Council of Chiefs and Clan Mothers**
4 **Demands**

5 **Abstract:** This resolution calls for the Cornell University Administration to release a statement
6 voicing support for the Gayogohó:nq’ (Cayuga Nation) Council of Chiefs and Clan Mothers
7 demands, urging the Bureau of Indian Affairs to remove Clint Halftown as the Gayogohó:nq,
8 Cayuga Nations’ federal representative, establishing support for the Cayuga Nation Council of
9 Chiefs and Clan Mothers as the legitimate government, and urging President Biden to meet with
10 Council of Chiefs and Clan Mothers.

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13 **Reviewed by:** Executive Committee, 09/07/2021, 6-0-0

14 **Type of Action:** Recommendation

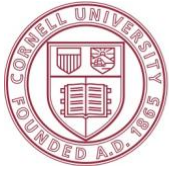
15 **Originally Presented:** 09/09/2021

16 **Current Status:** New Business

17 **Whereas,** the Two Row Wampum (a treaty initially established between the Haudenosaunee
18 Confederacy and Dutch Settlers in 1613, and later extended to the fledgling United States)
19 commits to noninterference in one another’s governance affairs while proceeding in relationships
20 of peace and friendship, and

21 **Whereas,** in accordance with the Two Row Wampum, the Gayogohó:nq’ have put forth various
22 requests for help, including within the May 15 letter from the Council of Chiefs and Clan
23 Mothers, for those withing the United States to be holding the U.S. government accountable on
24 this issue.

25 **Whereas,** due to his repeated acts of harassment and violence towards the Gayogohó:nq’, the
26 Cayuga Nation Council of Chiefs and Clan Mothers—the traditional leadership of the
27 Gayogohó:nq’— does not recognize Clint Halftown as their federal representative.



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28 **Whereas**, on February 22, 2020, in the early morning hours, Clint Halftown ordered the
29 destruction of the traditional Gayogohó:nq’ schoolhouse, several homes, and businesses, leading
30 to violence against the Gayogohó:nq’ and their allies.¹

31 **Whereas**, on May 15, 2021, the Gayogohó:nq’ (Cayuga Nation) Council of Chiefs and Clan
32 Mothers released a letter addressing the abuses their people have faced from the orders of Clint
33 Halftown.²

34 **Whereas**, “in the middle of a global pandemic Clint Halftown has issued eviction notices and
35 court dates to the traditional Cayuga citizens. The Cayuga Nation citizens, Chiefs and Clan
36 Mothers consider the court established by Halftown as illegitimate.”³

37 **Whereas**, the Gayogohó:nq’ “are experiencing daily harassment by [an] illegitimate non-Cayuga
38 Police force.”³

39 **Whereas**, Clint Halftown “continues to bring harm, anxiety, and stress to the traditional Cayuga
40 citizens in an already stressful year.”³

41 **Whereas**, the Cayuga Nation Council of Chiefs and Clan Mothers “do not support Clint
42 Halftown his government or his actions and [request he] cease and desist from using the
43 collective rights of the Cayuga Nation.”³

44 **Whereas**, as cited by the Cayuga Nation Chiefs and Clan Mothers, Article VII of the 1794
45 Canandaigua Treaty states “... complaint shall be made by the party injured, to the other: by the
46 Six Nations or any of them, to the President of the United States.”³

47 Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly is in support of the Cayuga Nation Council of
48 Chiefs and Clan Mothers’ statement, subsequent demands, and is convinced of the merits of their
49 case.

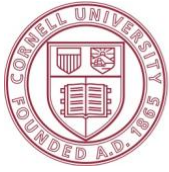
50 **Be it therefore resolved**, the Student Assembly demands the Cornell University Administration
51 make a formal statement urging the Bureau of Indian Affairs to immediately remove Clint
52 Halftown’s designation as the ‘federal representative’ of the Gayogohó:nq’, in accordance with
53 the calls in the Council of Chiefs and Clans Mothers’ letter.

54 **Be it further resolved**, the Student Assembly demands the Cornell University Administration
55 formally voice support for the Council of Chiefs and Clan Mothers as the rightful governing
56 body of the Gayogohó:nq’ with which all levels of the U.S. government should be engaging in a
57 Nation-to-Nation relationship.³

¹ <https://indiancountrytoday.com/news/cayuga-nations-division-leads-to-a-human-rights-catastrophe>

² <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vp9reTFFYjo8p7k96J9XrQgct4Iz0yE9/view>

³ <https://www.facebook.com/HalftownMustGo/>



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58 **Be it finally resolved**, the Student Assembly calls on the Cornell University Administration to
59 make a formal statement urging President Biden to read the Cayuga Nation Council of Chiefs
60 and Clan Mothers' May 2021 letter and honor their meeting request as per Article VII of the
61 1794 Treaty of Canandaigua.⁴

62 Respectfully Submitted,

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⁴ <https://americanindian.si.edu/static/nationtonation/pdf/Treaty-of-Canandaigua-1794.pdf>