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USET SPF Resolution No. 2026 SPF:001**SUPPORT FOR THE AKWESASNE MOHAWK LAND CLAIM SETTLEMENT ACT**

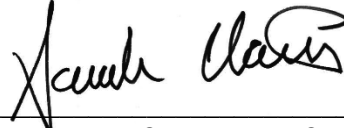
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) is an intertribal organization comprised of thirty-three (33) federally recognized Tribal Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET SPF Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribal Nation, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribal Nations' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** for more than forty years, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne have worked diligently to resolve the Akwesasne land claim in northern New York, which stems from illegal takings of Akwesasne Mohawk lands guaranteed under the 1796 Treaty with the Seven Nations of Canada; and
- WHEREAS,** in April 2025, H.R. 2916, the Akwesasne Mohawk Land Claim Settlement Act, was introduced in Congress to authorize, ratify, and confirm the negotiated settlement agreement between the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, the State of New York, St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, the Towns of Bombay and Fort Covington, and the New York Power Authority; and
- WHEREAS,** the settlement agreement provides for the return of approximately 3,500 acres of land to the Akwesasne territory, the opportunity to acquire up to 14,000 acres from willing sellers, educational benefits for Akwesasne students, and allocation of low-cost power from the New York Power Authority, thereby restoring long-denied land rights and economic opportunities to the Akwesasne Mohawks; and
- WHEREAS,** Congressional ratification of the Akwesasne Mohawk Land Claim Settlement is essential to uphold the United States' federal trust responsibility, resolve long-standing disputes, and reaffirm the rights of the Akwesasne Mohawks to their ancestral homelands; and
- WHEREAS,** in December 2010, the United States recognized the rights of its First Peoples through its support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), whose provisions and principles support and promote the purposes of this resolution; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** USET SPF hereby supports Congressional ratification of the Akwesasne Mohawk Land Claim Settlement Agreement and urges the U.S. Congress to swiftly pass H.R. 2916 or companion legislation to approve and implement the Settlement Agreement.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the remote USET SPF Annual Meeting at which a quorum was present on November 4, 2025.



Chief Kirk E. Francis, Sr., President
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Vice Chairwoman Sarah Harris, Secretary
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