

WHAT IS THE TWO ROW WAMPUM?

The oldest treaty between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and settlers is the Two Row Wampum of 1613, an ongoing agreement which carries a commitment to peace, friendship, and noninterference in each other's governance. This relationship is symbolized by a Haudenosaunee canoe and a European ship traveling alongside one another down the river of life, represented as two parallel purple lines on a white background. HalftownMustGo organizers follow this treaty to guide their relationships with Gayogohó:nq' citizens. In May 2021, the Gayogohó:nq' Council of Chiefs put forth a direct call for help from those on the U.S. (ship) side of the Two Row Wampum to hold our government accountable for its blatant disregard of Gayogohó:nq' self-determination. We must act to end this violation, a violation in which we are complicit.

WHAT IS "LAND-INTO-TRUST"?

Clint Halftown and his Council have submitted a Land-into-Trust application, which is currently under review by the Department of Interior and set to conclude by June 2022. Approval of this Land-into-Trust application would deepen the violation of Gayogohó:nq' self-determination by the U.S. and requires transferring title to the land from the Gayogohó:nq' to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. Preventing approval of this application is a critical aim of both the Gayogohó:nq' Nation and the HalftownMustGo campaign.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Your unique voice is important. To contribute to these calls for respecting Gayogohó:nq' sovereignty ...

✦ **Visit** HalftownMustGo.org and follow #HalftownMustGo for updates and calls for collective action organized by those on the US side of the Two Row Wampum, working in relation with Gayogohó:nq' citizens.

✦ **Learn** more about the governance values, practices, and history of the Gayogohó:nq' Nation and Haudenosaunee Confederacy by following the links on the back.

✦ **Join us!** Sign up to receive updates on current actions and ways to get involved at HalftownMustGo.org.

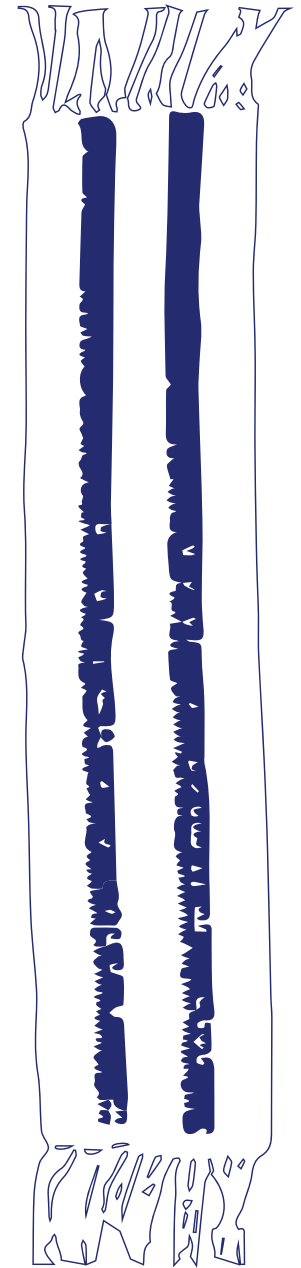
We welcome your participation in events and activities that HalftownMustGo organizes and thank you for your interest and support. May we work together toward honoring the Two Row Wampum.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

HalftownMustGo.org
Gayogohono.org
HaudenosauneeConfederacy.com

WHO IS HALFTOWN MUST GO?

The HalftownMustGo campaign is organized by people of the U.S. living on Gayogohó:nq' land, working in relationships of care with Gayogohó:nq' citizens and governance. We take collective action to prompt President Biden and his administration to meet with the Council of Chiefs and heed the Gayogohó:nq' removal of Clint Halftown.



BACKGROUND



Clint Halftown, who is not a Sachem (Chief), had been serving as a temporary representative of his clan when he was designated in 2003 as the “Federal Representative” of the Cayuga Nation to the U.S. Government. The role of Federal Representative is not specified in the Great Law of Peace (the Haudenosaunee Confederacy’s constitution) but instead is a position created by U.S. Congress and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (B.I.A.). In accordance with the Great Law of Peace, Halftown’s late Clan Mother notified him of his removal from Nation Council multiple times in 2004 and 2005, due to actions that jeopardized Gayogohó:nq’ Nation sovereignty. Halftown refuses to abide this removal.

For over a decade, the Gayogohó:nq’ Council of Chiefs has communicated to the U.S., through both diplomatic and legal actions, that Halftown no longer serves on the Nation Council or as the Federal Representative. The U.S. government has failed to heed Halftown’s removal. Halftown leverages this failure to illegitimately consolidate power through violence, favoritism, and command over funds intended for Gayogohó:nq’ citizens.

In May 2021, the Gayogohó:nq’ Council of Chiefs put forth a letter including a call for people of the United States to take responsibility in pushing for accountability from the U.S. government on this issue. The HalftownMustGo campaign answers that call by pressing local governments and federal officials to honor Gayogohó:nq’ self-determination and removal of Halftown, organizing to pass local resolutions, write postcards, send emails, and coordinate “phone zaps” since August 2021.



WHO IS THE GAYOGOHÓ:NQ’ NATION?

The Gayogohó:nq’ (settler name: Cayuga) Nation is a member of the six-nation Haudenosaunee (settler name: Iroquois) Confederacy historically encompassing most of present day New York State and extending beyond arbitrary colonial state borders. In accordance with the governance values and processes transmitted through the Great Law of Peace, Gayogohó:nq’ citizens, Clan Mothers, and Chiefs continue to uphold their responsibilities to all of Creation.

WHY HALFTOWN MUST GO

- ✦ Halftown created a “Council” which does not include any condoled Chiefs, flagrantly disregarding the Great Law of Peace.
- ✦ Halftown used Nation funds in 2018 to create his own non-Gayogohó:nq’ police force which continues to violently oppress Gayogohó:nq’ citizens who oppose his claims to authority.
- ✦ Halftown established a “Tribal Court” staffed exclusively by non-Gayogohó:nq’ people; this court was created entirely outside of the processes of the Great Law of Peace.
- ✦ Halftown’s mercenary “police” destroyed Gayogohó:nq’ community spaces in February 2020, including businesses, a daycare, community gardens, and a schoolhouse where Gayogohó:nq’ citizens learned language and ceremonies.
- ✦ Using both his “Tribal Court” and New York State courts, Halftown has sought to evict Gayogohó:nq’ families who oppose his claims to authority from Nation-owned housing.

Halftown actively undermines the efforts of Gayogohó:nq’ citizens who seek to rebuild their community, learn their language and ceremonies, and fulfill their responsibilities according to the Great Law of Peace.