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NEW TIME, PLACE SET FOR PUBLIC MEETING ON CAYUGA LAND CLAIM

A public meeting will be held in the Eisenhower College Athletic Center, Seneca Falls, New York, September 11 to discuss the proposed Cayuga Indian Land Claim Settlement announced on August 20.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. The time is a half hour earlier than originally announced and the place has been changed from the Delavan Little Theatre to allow ample room and time for all who wish to comment on the proposed settlement.

Members of the Cayuga Land Claim Settlement Work Group will sit as a panel at the meeting. They will explain the background of the land claim and proposed settlement and will receive public comment on it. The group includes Interior Department attorney Tim Vollmann, who chaired the group during the past year; Chief James Leaffe of the Cayuga Nation and other tribal leaders; tribal attorney Arthur Gajarsa; Robert C. Batson of the New York Secretary of State's Office; Jeremiah Jochnowitz and Frank Bresler of the State Attorney General's Office; and Arthur Jutton, administrative aide to U.S. Rep. Gary Lee.

Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation at the public meeting should contact Vollmann in writing at the Division of Indian Affairs, Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. 20240.

All written statements on the proposed settlement are welcome and should be mailed to the same address.

All public comments will be carefully considered before the introduction of legislation in the Congress to provide for the settlement of the Cayuga Indian claim.

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