

SENECA - CAYUGA NATION

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Dear Tribal Members:

As you are aware, the Nation's Business Committee previously enacted a Resolution setting a tribal election for September 15, 2018. However, since the passage of that Resolution, factors beyond the Business Committee's control have led to the decision to delay the scheduled election.

First, the Nation's Election Ordinance requires a mail ballot election to broaden member participation, to avoid intimidation and fraud and to promote fairness. To implement that pro-tribal member process, the Ordinance requires the hiring of an independent Election Administrator in order to ensure the integrity of the electoral process. Unfortunately, the Nation was unable to secure the services of a competent administrator for the scheduled election date. Further, the Nation initially delayed the elections due to the pending BIA conducted Secretarial Election to amend the Seneca-Cayuga Nation Constitution by abolishing the "born of a marriage" requirement for membership. The Nation had a very positive meeting with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The BIA promised to hold the Secretarial Election in the near future. If adopted, the Constitutional Amendment should remove a ground for challenging tribal officer elections.

We will soon provide an update to the tribe regarding the details of the Secretarial Election and the re-scheduling of the tribal election.

Sincerely,



William Fisher
Chief, Seneca-Cayuga Nation