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AT THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL OF THE  
SENECA NATION OF INDIANS HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 11, 2017 AT THE SENECA ALLEGANY  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON THE  
ALLEGANY TERRITORY SALAMANCA, NEW  
YORK, 14779.

CN: R-11-11-17-25

EXECUTIVES PRESENT:

PRESIDENT	-	TODD GATES
CLERK	-	LENITH WATERMAN
TREASURER	-	MAURICE JOHN, SR.

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SENECA NATION / SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION NO. 08162017-B / DESIGNATING THE HOPEWELL CEREMONIAL EARTHWORKS AND SERPENT MOUND IN OHIO AS WORLD HERITAGE SITES

**MOTION:** by Timothy Waterman, seconded by William Canella, that the Nation's Council approves the following resolution:

**WHEREAS,** the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks, located in what is now the State of Ohio, comprise ten ancient Native American monumental earthwork sites: Serpent Mound, Fort Ancient, Mount City Group, Hopewell Mound Group, Seip Earthworks, High Bank Earthworks, Hopeton Earthworks, Octagon Earthworks, Great Circle Earthworks, and Wright Earthworks; and

**WHEREAS,** the United States Department of the Interior has placed these ten ancient sites of Native American monumental earthworks on its Tentative List, and that this list has been submitted to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for nomination to World Heritage status; and

**WHEREAS,** these sites, which were important ceremonial and social centers, "...are unique in their combination of vast scale, geometrical precision, incorporation of astronomical alignments, and broad geographic distribution"; and

**WHEREAS,** designation of these sites as World Heritage Sites will protect them from further development and destruction and preserve them as places of honor for indigenous achievement, both present and past; and

**WHEREAS,** the Council of the Seneca Nation acknowledges the historical and cultural significance of these sites and the importance of having them recognized with World Heritage Status; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Council of the Seneca Nation supports and encourages the designation of the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks and Serpent Mound as World Heritage Sites.

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED


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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing extract is a true and correct copy from the minutes of the Regular Session of Council of the Seneca Nation of Indians held on November 15, 2017 on the Allegany Territory, original of which is on file in the Clerk's Office of the Seneca Nation of Indians.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal to be affixed at the Seneca Allegany Administration Building, on the Allegany Territory, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

ATTEST:

  
LENITH K. WATERMAN, CLERK  
SENECA NATION OF INDIANS

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