

SENECA - CAYUGA NATION

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Hello Seneca Cayuga People,

This past weekend we held our annual General Council meeting. While member turnout was good, we did not meet our current constitutional quorum requirements of 225. Due to having no quorum, the tribe was not able to conduct any business requiring votes.

We now have a two-fold challenge. The most important of which is the children we have pending to be added to our tribal rolls. Today, there are 272 children with pending applications waiting to be confirmed and added. Many of the members in attendance last week wanted to address this issue and voted to approve these additions without quorum. Any vote without quorum will not stand a legal challenge, so we must utilize other ways to address this matter.

On Saturday, August 6th at 10am a Special General Council meeting is being called with the specific purpose to approve the children with pending applications to the tribal roll. I am asking for your help in accomplishing this. We need 225 members to dedicate their time to attend with the sole purpose of voting our tribal children onto our rolls. With 272 children being voted on, it is critical that if you have a child with a pending application that you be in attendance. If we can have family representation from each of these children show up in support of them, we can absolutely reach that number. I know some children on the list are from distant locations – if that is the case for your family, please reach out to local friends and family members and have them represent you. If everyone rallies their support for our kids this way, we can address this issue.

The only business that will take place at the meeting on Saturday, August 6th 10am is the vote on child enrollment. I am asking that each local member of our tribe make attending a priority to protect the growth and development of our great Nation.

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Charles Diebold, Chief of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation

