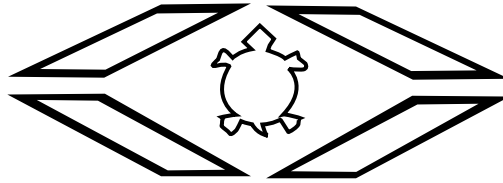


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PRESS RELEASE

New York Indian Tribes Rally to Support Native Businesses

Long Island, N.Y. (June 14, 2006)—The Native American Business Alliance of Long Island today caravanned from the Unkechaug Powwow Grounds (Mastic, N.Y.) to the Shinnecock territory (Southampton, N.Y.) to support its new grassroots effort to protect Indian Nations’ right to sell tax-free tobacco products.

“The faces you see here today are the faces of those who depend on Native American Businesses,” Unkechaug tribal chief Harry Wallace said. “Without our treaty-mandated right to sell tax-free tobacco, these businesses—these people—will suffer. That is why we are here today—to defend our rights and to defend our economic independence.”

Members of Tuscarora, Seneca, Onondaga, Oneida, Cayuga, Mohawk, Pequot, Narragansett and other Nations, along with friends, neighbors and business colleagues of the Tribes, rallied against the politicians and wealthy special interest groups that have passed legislation and filed lawsuits that threaten to terminate centuries-old treaties protecting the right of New York Tribes to sell tax-free tobacco and other goods on their own territories. With over 5,000 supporters thus far, the Alliance is demanding that new legislation be enacted to rescind this unjust act. The Alliance is also urging New York citizens to call upon the convenience stores and big chain supermarkets, asking them to drop their lawsuits against these small Indian smoke shops.

Following the rally, supporters toured a Shinnecock-owned small business, “Raindrop’s Quick Stop” on Montauk Highway.

“The politicians in Albany need to visit native businesses like these so they can see that executing this legislation will cripple the economy of New York Tribes,” said Rebecca Genia, of the Shinnecock Nation. “Taking away the rights laid out in these long-standing treaties would take away many people’s livelihood.”

Income from Indian smoke shops helps Tribes pay their own way, using some of the profits to fix schools, churches, playgrounds and housing on reservations. They also employ hundreds of tribal members with full healthcare and retirement benefits and generate economic activity for local, non-Indian businesses that supply their stores.

New Yorkers can join the Alliance by going to www.supportnativebusiness.com, where they can sign a petition, write directly to state officials, and get additional information.

The Native American Business Alliance of Long Island represents the Nations and the Indian-owned stores of the Unkechaug and Shinnecock Nations. We have formed this coalition because without help from our friends, neighbors and business colleagues, these stores will be shut down - ending a vital source of economic activity. Visit SupportNativeBusiness.com for more information.