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TO: Cultural Education Committee
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SUBJECT: State Museum's Anthropology Collections
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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

State Museum staff will report on the Museum's archaeology collections and will highlight how these collections support significant research and public education.

Reason for Consideration

For information.

Background Information

The New York State Museum serves the lifelong educational needs of New Yorkers and visitors and supports academic scholarship of researchers around the world through its collections, exhibitions, programs, and publications in anthropology, archaeology, biology, paleontology and geology. The Museum's archaeology curators and staff collect, interpret, and make available important specimens that reveal New York's human past, from the Ice Age to recent history. The Museum also supports students (undergraduate interns, graduate student fellows) and archaeologists who pursue research on the archaeology collections. Dr. Jonathan Lothrop, Curator of Archaeology, will review the chronological and geographic scope of the Museum's archaeological collections as well as how the staff continues to build these collections. In particular, Dr. Lothrop will focus on how these archaeological collections serve the people of New York through education, exhibits and research.