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TO: Cultural Education Committee

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SUBJECT: Recent Acquisitions for the Contemporary Native American Art Collection

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AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

Overview of recent acquisitions for the State Museum's contemporary Native American art collection.

Reason(s) for Consideration

For information.

Background Information

Dr. Gwendolyn Saul, Curator of Ethnography, will discuss recent additions to the Museum's collection of Native American art. In 2013 the Museum reinitiated the collecting in this area. The Museum's "Collection of Contemporary Native American Art" represents the master craftsmanship and vibrant innovation in the artistic expressions of Native American artists affiliated with New York State. Building on an initiative begun in 1986 and now numbering more than 150 objects, 8 new works were added to the collection between 2016 – 2017.