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TO: Cultural Education Committee

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SUBJECT: State Museum Overview of Native American Graves and Repatriation Act

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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

New York State Museum staff will present on recent Native American Graves and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) compliance.

Reason for Consideration

For information.

Background Information

NAGPRA is a federal law passed in 1990 to provide a process for the return of cultural items to federally recognized Native American tribes. Consultation with Native American groups has resulted in numerous successful repatriations and collaborations, including new additions to the State Museum's collections. Lisa Anderson, NAGPRA Coordinator, and Gwen Saul, Curator of Ethnology, will discuss the NAGPRA process, recent repatriations and acquisitions.