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TO: Cultural Education Committee

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SUBJECT: Pleistocene Epoch Research

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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

Overview of the new Ice Ages exhibition at the State Museum and the corresponding Pleistocene Epoch research conducted by State Museum scientists.

Reason(s) for Consideration

For information.

Background Information

The State Museum opened a new exhibition, *Ice Ages*, in January 2017 that is based on research done by Museum scientists. Over the last two million years, New York has experienced several Ice Ages interspersed with warm periods where gigantic glaciers covered the state and then retreated. Dr. Robert Feranec, Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology, and Dr. Andrew Kozlowski, Curator of Quaternary Landscape Materials, will discuss their research in paleontology and geology and how it is changing our understanding of the landscape and animals of the Pleistocene epoch, or Ice Ages, in New York State.