



# Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### **Tribal Council Introduces Two Draft Referendum Questions** *Comments from Tribal Members Being Accepted Until September 5<sup>th</sup>*

**Akwesasne, NY** — At the Monthly Tribal meeting held on *Seskéha*/August 6, 2016; the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council introduced two draft questions that will be posed to the membership through a tribal referendum. The introduction of the draft questions pertain to the proposed exploration of medical marijuana and industrial hemp; which was postponed from the June 4<sup>th</sup> tribal election.

In accordance with the Tribal Procedures Act adopted by tribal voters in a referendum held on *Ohiari:ha*/June 1, 2013, the Tribal Chiefs agreed to present the two draft referendum questions to the membership for comment. As a result, Tribal Council introduced the two draft questions at the August Tribal Meeting to seek input from its Tribal members.

Tribal members have a 30-day period ending *Seskehkó:wa*/September 5, 2016, to submit written comments to the Office of the Tribal Clerk on the following draft questions:

***Draft Question #1:*** “Should the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe explore options to legalize, license and regulate the cultivation, production and distribution of **MEDICAL MARIJUANA?**”

***Draft Question #2:*** “Should the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe explore options to legalize, license and regulate the cultivation, production and distribution of **INDUSTRIAL HEMP?**”

Following the finalization of the two referendum questions, public meetings will be scheduled to discuss each referendum question. Three public meetings will be held for each question. The dates, times and locations will be provided after September 5<sup>th</sup>, once the resolution on the referendum questions is finalized.

Tribal members can obtain a copy of the draft Tribal Council Resolution that lists the two draft referendum questions from the Office of the Tribal Clerk, located in the Community Building at 412 State Route 37, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Tribal Clerk by calling (518) 358-2272.

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