



# St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

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### **Tribe's Temporary Restraining Order Successful**

**Akwasasne Territory** – On September 15, 2010, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe filed to request a temporary restraining order with U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York. This action is to prevent the State of New York from collecting taxes on the Territory of Akwasasne.

In order to oppose the issuance of a preliminary injunction, the defendant must file papers by September 21<sup>st</sup>. A preliminary injunction hearing will be held for the Northern District of New York in Albany on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The State has agreed to refrain from collecting cigarette taxes on reservations across the State of New York until at least October 15th.

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The St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council is the duly elected and federally recognized government of the St. Regis Mohawk People.