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GANONDAGAN RECEIVES \$400K FROM NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Grant money will support construction of Seneca Art & Culture Center

Victor, NY—The Friends of Ganondagan has received a **\$400,000 infusion of funds from the New York State Regional Economic Initiative**, and it is earmarked for the new **Seneca Art & Culture Center at Ganondagan**.

This world-class facility will preserve, celebrate, and communicate the living culture and traditions of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) for generations to come. The Seneca Art & Culture Center also will allow Ganondagan to become a year-round destination with an educational facility to include gallery and exhibit space, interactive features, a multi-purpose auditorium, and more.

“This grant marks the beginning of our final push to complete the ‘Signatures of the Seneca’—the campaign to build and operate this unique and extraordinary facility,” said Ebets Judson, chair of the Signatures campaign for the Seneca Art & Culture Center at Ganondagan. “We are grateful that the State has recognized the Center’s value and its compelling impact on cultural tourism visitors from around the world.”

For more information, please visit www.ganondagan.org or call 585-742-1690.

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Ganondagan State Historic Site (www.ganondagan.org) in Victor, NY stands at the location of what was one of the largest, most vital 17th-century Seneca towns until its destruction in 1687. Today, it is a destination for visitors to explore the replica of a bark longhouse and hunting lodge and enjoy self-guided tours through trails on the Site's 600+ acres. It also acts as a resource for students and educators about the Iroquois Confederacy, or Haudenosaunee, and its message of peace. Every summer, *Friends of Ganondagan* hosts the Native American Dance & Music Festival, attended by more than 4,000 people from all over the world. *Friends* also sponsors the annual Canandaigua Treaty Day and presents lectures, workshops, and programs reflecting the vibrancy of a living culture and promoting a sustainable future.