

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3475

To authorize, ratify, and confirm the Agreement of Settlement and Compromise to Resolve the Akwesasne Mohawk Land Claim in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 15, 2025

Mrs. GILLIBRAND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AGREEMENT AND TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED,**
4 **RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED.**

5 The following are hereby authorized, ratified, and
6 confirmed:

7 (1) The Agreement of Settlement and Com-
8 promise to Resolve the Akwesasne Mohawk Land

1 Claim in the State of New York (hereafter in this
 2 Act referred to as the “Settlement Agreement”), en-
 3 tered into by the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, the
 4 Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, the State of New
 5 York, the Counties of Franklin and Saint Lawrence,
 6 New York, the Towns of Fort Covington and Bom-
 7 bay, New York, and the New York Power Authority.

8 (2) Any transfer of land, right-of-way, or ease-
 9 ment that is the subject of the claims in the Cana-
 10 dian Saint Regis Band of Mohawk Indians v. New
 11 York et al. (82–CV–783); the Canadian Saint Regis
 12 Band of Mohawk Indians v. New York et al. (82–
 13 CV–1114); and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, by
 14 the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council and the Peo-
 15 ple of the Longhouse at Akwesasne, by Mohawk Na-
 16 tion Council of Chiefs v. The State of New York, et
 17 al. (89–CV–829).

18 **SEC. 2. LANDS OWNED BY SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE**

19 **WITHIN SETTLEMENT ACQUISITION AREAS.**

20 The following shall be Indian Country as defined in
 21 section 1151(a) of title 18, United States Code, subject
 22 to the terms, conditions, and limitations of the Settlement
 23 Agreement:

24 (1) Land owned on the effective date of the
 25 Settlement Agreement by the Saint Regis Mohawk

1 Tribe within the Settlement Acquisition Areas, as
2 defined in the Settlement Agreement.

3 (2) Land acquired by the Saint Regis Mohawk
4 Tribe within the Settlement Acquisition Areas after
5 the effective date of the Settlement Agreement.

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