the World’s Indigenous Peoples. Following a welcome that morning, we will march across Manhattan to the United Nations. A delegation from the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will greet us outside the UN and then some of us will join them for their formal program marking that day. Our trek will conclude with a major festival in New York City the following day. See our website for a complete schedule.

A Beginning, Not an End
When we return to our homes in Syracuse, Onondaga, Albany, Akwesasne, Rochester, Six Nations, Minnesota, Tonawanda, the Hudson Valley, Tuscarora, Ithaca, Kahnawake, California, Allegany, Tully, the Netherlands, Oneida Wisconsin, Brooklyn, Cattaraugus, Vancouver, Tyendinaga and elsewhere, we will take a much needed rest. Then we will begin assessing how far we have come and how to continue moving ahead with our goals of Peace, Friendship and Sustainability.

When we began these discussions over 26 moons ago, we were seeking a way to build a social movement. We had come to believe that the federal courts would never provide a remedy for the crimes committed against the Haudenosaunee and other First Nation Peoples. We believed that the Two Row Wampum might offer a vision to spark such a movement if it were accompanied by a broad campaign.

In the months to come we hope you will join us in creating that long term effort as we travel together down the River of Life.

**JOIN THE MOVEMENT!**
- Share information about the campaign far and wide. Connect on Facebook and Twitter (@HonorTheTwoRow).
- Circulate our public declaration of intent for signatures.
- Organize educational, cultural, solidarity or fundraising event(s) in your community/region as part of the campaign.
- Approach educational institutions, community organizations, faith communities, social justice and environmental groups about becoming campaign co-sponsors.
- Work to get your town, city, county government to pass a resolution in support of the Two Row Campaign.
- Donate and/or help raise funds to support the campaign.
- See our website for updates and more.

The Onondaga Nation is a member of the Haudenosaunee (“People of the Long House”), an alliance of six native nations united for hundreds of years by traditions, beliefs and cultural values. Onondaga, which is still governed by those traditional structures, serves as the capital (central fire) for the confederacy, consisting of the Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga, Seneca, Onondaga and Tuscarora nations.

Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation (NOON) is a grassroots effort of Central New Yorkers. NOON supports the sovereignty of the Onondaga Nation’s traditional government and their Land Rights Action, and collaborates with them on environmental protection and restoration. NOON believes that the wider community has a great deal to learn from the Onondagas about living more peacefully with one another and more harmoniously with the Earth. NOON is a project of the Syracuse Peace Council.

Over two years ago, Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation began discussions with the Onondaga Council of Chiefs about a major effort to mark the 400th anniversary of the Two Row Wampum Treaty, the first treaty between the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) and Europeans. Collectively we developed a plan to share the Two Row throughout New York State, and beyond, to bring the Onondaga Nation’s vision for healing between our peoples and between humans and Mother Earth to many thousands of people. That idea is becoming a reality!
The Two Row outlines a commitment to peace, friendship and respect for one another and the laws of nature. The Haudenosaunee have increasingly emphasized that protecting Mother Earth is necessary for this continuing friendship. We are now on our way down the River that Flows Both Ways (the Hudson), hundreds of us, native and non-native, from throughout New York State and far beyond. Paddlers and ground crew have joined us from all six Haudenosaunee nations and from at least 20 other native nations.

Renewing this Powerful Vision
The Two Row Wampum began what is called the “Covenant Chain of Treaties,” a series of treaties between the Haudenosaunee and the Dutch, British, French, United States and Canada. We seek to polish and renew this centuries-old Covenant Chain of friendship between our nations: drawing more people to support Indigenous sovereignty, protect our shared environment, build support for a just resolution of the Haudenosaunee land disputes, and for full recognition of the rights of Indigenous Peoples everywhere.

The treaties of the Covenant Chain are often called “Indian Treaties.” However treaties are made between nations, and according to Article VI of the U.S. Constitution, treaties are “the Supreme Law of the Land.”

The Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign is raising awareness of and building support networks to address two interrelated issues: the devastation experienced by the Haudenosaunee and other native nations as part of centuries-long efforts to destroy or assimilate them, and the related environmental damage that affects us all.

We are developing a broad alliance between the Haudenosaunee, other native nations/peoples and non-native allies to achieve social and economic justice for the Haudenosaunee, and all indigenous peoples, as well as environmental justice for all. The campaign highlights the importance of the Two Row Wampum Treaty and calls on New York State and the U.S. to honor their obligations under this and subsequent treaties.

Momentum Is Building
There are over 85 organizational co-sponsors of the campaign. The Haudenosaunee Grand Council has issued a strong statement of support for the effort. We are collaborating with the Dakota Unity Riders from Manitoba are joining us at spots along the way.

Hundreds of people have been involved in meetings, discussions, work projects, paddles and more to bring this idea to life. Thousands have attended events, heard speakers and read about the campaign. Newspapers, websites, magazines, radio and television stations far and wide have reached millions. It has been an amazing process which has inspired many people.

Five municipalities (Onondaga County, Syracuse, Albany, Ithaca and Croton-on-Hudson) have issued strong statements of support for the renewal of the Two Row. Discussions of similar resolutions are underway elsewhere.

Traveling Side-by-Side
Our symbolic “enactment” of the treaty with Haudenosaunee (along with other native friends) paddling side-by-side down the Hudson River with non-native allies seeks to bring the Two Row vision to life. We encourage you to come to our launches, landings and events and bring others with you.

Our journey concludes in New York City on August 9, the International Day of