

**NC STATE UNIVERSITY
69th Session of the Faculty Senate
Resolution**

Call for an Official NC State University Land Acknowledgement Statement

WHEREAS, North Carolina has one of the highest populations of Indigenous Americans in the United States of America, and;

WHEREAS, North Carolina State University has a responsibility to acknowledge the land it resides on, and;

WHEREAS, a Land Acknowledgement calls to attention the genocide, ethnic cleansing, stolen land, and enslavement and forced removal of native bodies, and;

WHEREAS, a Land Acknowledgement recognizes current and historical inequity and injustice towards Indigenous communities, and;

WHEREAS, NC State's Strategic Plan's Fourth Goal calls our institution to "Champion a culture of equity, diversity, inclusion, belonging and well-being in all we do", and;

WHEREAS, although different departments and organizations at NC State utilize land acknowledgments, there is no uniform statement adopted university-wide, and;

WHEREAS, a university-wide adopted acknowledgment encourages NC State to provide greater resources and opportunities for Indigenous students, staff, faculty and Indigenous communities, and;

WHEREAS, NC State has a chance to join peer institutions in adopting a land acknowledgment statement,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Carolina State University Faculty Senate recommends the university officially adopt the following land acknowledgment statement:

"NC State University was founded in 1887 as a [land grant institution](#) to be a university for the people of North Carolina. To further advance the [mission](#) of our institution, we recognize as a campus community that the land that our campus resides, and the state we serve, have been colonized and stolen from Indigenous nations that existed before European colonization.

NC State recognizes that our [state](#) is home to eight federally and state-recognized tribes: Coharie, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, Sappony, and Waccamaw Siouan. North Carolina is also home to several other Indigenous people from other tribal nations. NC State welcomes Indigenous faculty, students, and staff across North America.

As a land grant institution, NC State University acknowledges that the lands within and surrounding present-day Raleigh, NC are the traditional homelands and gathering places of many Indigenous peoples. Meeting our land grant mission, NC State has a presence in all 100

North Carolina counties. We recognize that we occupy lands of the state's eight tribes and other tribal communities that were removed from these lands.

Further, NC State University received the [Morrill Act of 1862](#) funds from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill when the State of North Carolina created our institution. We recognize these funds were collected from the [sales of Indigenous lands throughout the United States](#) and are part of the university's endowment.

We share an ongoing responsibility to safeguard these lands and to respect the sovereignty of the tribes and Indigenous nations residing in North Carolina. NC State honors all Indigenous peoples—past and present—who have been and remain an integral part of the history and culture of our Alma Mater. We acknowledge a commitment to improving the experiences of Indigenous faculty, staff, and students at our institution and improve Native American access to attend, learn, teach, research, thrive, and contribute to our community.

This land acknowledgment is a first step in improving our community for Indigenous peoples and meeting our [vision and values](#).”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that NC State increase current spaces and support systems for Native American students, faculty, and staff when possible.

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