

Examples of Land Acknowledgement

Samples in New Mexico

City of Albuquerque

The City of Albuquerque acknowledges that Native/indigenous Peoples and Tribal nations, including the Tiwa Pueblo peoples, and our neighboring Tribal Nations, have stewarded through time immemorial and a millennium of generations, the lands, and waterways of what is now the City of Albuquerque (City). The City also honors and respects the enduring relationship that exists between these Peoples and Tribal Nations and this land and commit to continuing to learn how to be better stewards of the land the City inhabits as well.

New Mexico Public Health Association (NMPHA)

We ask that you pause to reflect on, honor, and acknowledge that we in New Mexico are on the stolen homelands of the Diné, Pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Pojoaque, Sandia, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Zuni and Zia, and the Fort Sill Apache Tribe, the Jicarilla Apache Nation and the Mescalero Apache Tribe. Indigenous Peoples comprise 14.5 percent of our entire state's population, having lived here for thousands of years. However, many of our Indigenous communities were forcibly removed from their lands through genocide and ethnic cleansing by prior Spanish and Mexican settlers and governments, the State of New Mexico and United States Government. Indigenous Peoples are still here, persisting despite ongoing colonialism and oppression. We see you, we hear you, and we vow to continue working with you to dismantle systems of oppression that inhibit health equity throughout the State of New Mexico. Established in 1917, the New Mexico Public Health Association emerged as the solution to mitigate the health needs of the State. Today, Indigenous people continue to be afflicted with the highest rates of health inequities. NMPHA recognizes that the data shows Indigenous people are not benefiting from healthcare services or live in a region that supports their health needs. The NMPHA Board will strive to elevate the health of Indigenous People by:

- Establishing relationships with tribal entities, health councils and members
- Advocating for policies and legislation that address land, air and water rights
- Supporting Tribally led Health Initiatives
- Addressing opportunities to deconstruct systems of racial bias and oppression ● Providing technical and educational opportunities through Conference and event Forums Indigenous people have and will continue to teach that the well-being of the Land is connected to the fitness of our spirit; it is the embodiment of our physical and mental health.

As relatives on this Earth and to the original caretakers of this Land, we must aspire to retain and advocate for the innumerable acts of cultural knowledge and wisdom that Indigenous people have practiced for time immemorial. Through these efforts, the NMPHA is reminded that this Land Acknowledgement will serve more than a performative gesture in the healing process of Indigenous people.

New Mexico State University (NMSU)

New Mexico State University honors Native American knowledges and worldviews based on intimate relationships to the natural world. The genesis of the Southwest Indigenous Peoples, including the Pueblo, Navajo, and Apache, established their guardianship of the lands now occupied by New Mexico State University. As the state's Land-Grant University, we acknowledge and respect the sovereign Indian Nations and Indigenous Peoples. We pledge to have a meaningful and respectful relationship with the sovereign Indian Nations, Indigenous communities, and Native American Peoples within the institution.

University of New Mexico (UNM)

Founded in 1889, the University of New Mexico sits on the traditional homelands of the Pueblo of Sandia. The original peoples of New Mexico – Pueblo, Navajo, and Apache – since time immemorial, have deep connections to the land and have made significant contributions to the broader community statewide. We honor the land itself and those who remain stewards of this land throughout the generations and also acknowledge our committed relationship to Indigenous peoples. We gratefully recognize our history.

United Way of Central New Mexico

United Way of Central New Mexico sits on the traditional, unceded homelands of the Tiwa, Tewa, Diné, and N'de peoples. We recognize that the harms of genocide and colonization are ongoing and know it is our responsibility to work against this historical erasure. Indigenous peoples have deep connections to the land and are the roots of their beautiful communities. We honor the land and those who remain stewards of our human, plant, and animal kin throughout the generations. This acknowledgment only becomes meaningful when combined with accountable relationships and informed actions. It is only a first step. We respect the right to Indigenous sovereignty and self-determination and are committed to uplifting Indigenous voices while being better listeners, learners, and partners.