

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that this land is situated on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Akimel O'odham, Onk Akimel O'odham, Tohono O'odham & the Ak-Chin peoples, who have inhabited this land from time immemorial to the present day. This landscape is sacred, reflecting the cultural values central to their way of life and self-definition.

We recognize the ongoing connection of the Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Tohono O'odham Nation, and Ak-Chin Indian Community to these lands, which encompass over 3.7 million acres of South-Central Arizona. The ancestral settlements of the Ak-Chin, O'odham and Piipaash are integral to our community's history and identity as well as to our current landscape and that of the future as these nations are still here.

As we learn, work, and organize here, we commit to fostering understanding, appreciation, and respect for Indigenous heritage and sovereignty. We as a state body formally acknowledge the 22 sovereign nations of Arizona. We also acknowledge the importance of addressing the systems of oppression that have historically dispossessed Indigenous peoples of their lands and denied their rights to self-determination. This acknowledgment is a step toward honoring their enduring presence and contributions to our shared future.