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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

The Purpose of Our Land Acknowledgement

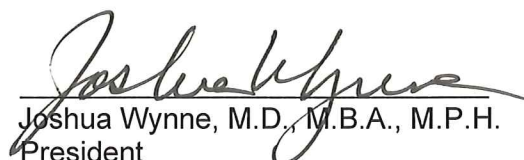
It is important to understand the history that has brought people to the land on which they reside. A Land Acknowledgement Statement seeks to show respect, recognition, and gratitude to Indigenous Peoples who call the land home.

When to Use the Land Acknowledgement

The Land Acknowledgement Statement should be spoken or printed in its entirety. The Statement should not be altered or rewritten. The Acknowledgment may be shared at events such as official University ceremonies, critical conversations, performances, and/or conferences, as determined by the event coordinators. University faculty, staff, and student organizations are welcome to use the Acknowledgement when deemed appropriate.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Today, the University of North Dakota rests on the ancestral lands of the Pembina and Red Lake Bands of Ojibwe, and the Dakota Oyate - presently existing as composite parts of the Red Lake, Turtle Mountain, White Earth Bands, and the Dakota Tribes of Minnesota and North Dakota. We acknowledge the people who resided here for generations and recognize that the spirit of the Ojibwe and Oyate people permeates this land. As a university community, we will continue to build upon our relations with the First Nations of the state of North Dakota – the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Nation, Spirit Lake Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians.


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