

Land, Water, and People Acknowledgement Statement

Resolution to Establish Procedures

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Commitment to Acknowledge



One of the recommended commitments from the American Indian Advisory Council addressed public acknowledgement:

1. *As a responsible government agency, the Council will lead in publicly recognizing the genocide and displacement that American Indian communities survived and continue to endure.*
 - a) *The Advisory Council is drafting a Land, Water, and People Acknowledgement Statement for the Met Council and to include in Imagine 2050.*
 - b) *The Advisory Council encourages the Met Council to understand the value of a statement is to increase recognition of the seven-county region as Dakota land and promote action.*

Developing an Acknowledgement Statement



American Indian Advisory Council Process

- AIAC met throughout 2024 to learn about the Met Council and develop recommendations for action
 - Advised to commit to take action first, acknowledgement comes second
- After presenting the recommended commitments to Met Council on September 4, 2024, the AIAC drafted a Land, Water, and People Acknowledgement Statements
 - The Acknowledgements Statement was presented to Met Council October 16, 2024

Developing Procedures for Use



Council Discussions

- Regional Development Guide Work Group drafted recommendations for using the Acknowledgement Statement at their November 6, 2024 meeting
- Committee of the Whole discussed and endorsed those recommending procedures at their December 4, 2024 meeting

Procedures for using the Short Statement

1. THAT the Metropolitan Council will use the short Land, Water, and People Acknowledgement as follows:
 - a. Read by the Chair of the Met Council, or their designee, at the beginning of every meeting of the Council's governing body and its Committee of the Whole.
 - b. Read by the Chairs of the Met Council's Standing Committees at the beginning of committee meetings at their discretion;
 - c. Read by the Chairs of other Met Council committees and Council Members and staff leading other public meetings at the beginning of meetings at their discretion;
 - d. Included in written form on webpages that post agendas for Met Council and Standing Committee meetings;
 - e. Included in official plans of Met Council;
 - f. Included in new employee and Council Member onboarding and orientation and all employee internal continuing education; and
 - g. Adapted for use at Met Council buildings and facilities.



Procedures for Using the Long Statement

2. THAT the Metropolitan Council will use the long Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment as follows:
 - a. On a Met Council webpage about American Indian communities and Tribal relations;
 - b. Where recognition or moments of reflection are appropriate and needed; and
 - c. As part of educational resources for employees, residents, and local governments.



Proposed Action

That the Met Council adopt Resolution 2025-7 establishing Metropolitan Council procedures regarding the Imagine 2050 Land, Water, and People Acknowledgement





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