



METROPOLITAN COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2025-7

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MET COUNCIL'S PROCEDURES REGARDING THE IMAGINE 2050 LAND, WATER, AND PEOPLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- WHEREAS,** the seven-county region sits upon a creation site of the Dakota people, where Mnisota Wakpa (Minnesota River) and Haha Wakpa (Mississippi River) converge on a sacred site called Bdote (where the rivers meet).
- WHEREAS,** the Dakota people were removed from this land through intentional genocide and broken treaties; and
- WHEREAS,** the land that makes up Minnesota is also the ancestral homelands of the Ojibwe, Ho-Chunk, and the loway peoples; and
- WHEREAS,** today, the Dakota people as well as American Indian people representing over 150 Tribal Nations call the seven-county region home; and
- WHEREAS,** the Met Council established an American Indian Advisory Council to guide the Met Council in addressing historic and ongoing harms through organizational change and policy commitments in the regional development guide, Imagine 2050; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Indian Advisory Council developed recommendations for policy commitments in all areas of Met Council work including a recommendation that the Met Council lead in publicly recognizing the genocide and displacement that American Indian communities survived and continue to endure; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Indian Advisory Council drafted a Land, Water, and People Acknowledgement Statement including both short and long versions for the Met Council and proposed recommendations for use; and
- WHEREAS,** the Met Council Member Regional Development Guide Work Group brought forward recommendations on the use of the Acknowledgement Statement at the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 4, 2024, where the Met Council agreed upon standards for how the Acknowledgement Statement will be integrated into Met Council business; and
- WHEREAS,** the Land, Water, and People Acknowledgement Statement was adopted by the Met Council as part of Imagine 2050 on February 12, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

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.
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.

Adopted this _____ day of, _____ 2025.

Charles A. Zelle, Chair

Ginger Fride, Recording Secretary