Sample Land Acknowledgment Statement to Open Events and Gatherings

Today, we join you in what we call [INSERT YOUR CITY], to acknowledge and to honor the land on which we stand, that previously was known by its original inhabitants as [INSERT NAME OF ANCESTRAL TRIBAL LAND]. We would like to honor all the ancestral stewards of this land on which we meet today and their descendants living in over 1,000 Tribes, Nations, Bands, Pueblos, Communities or Native Villages. The people who speak almost as many different languages as there are Tribes are the contemporary custodians of this land. As we work to reduce the harm of commercial tobacco and air pollution across this nation, we also acknowledge and work to dismantle the on-going violence and repression of Indigenous Peoples and cultures, including tobacco-related health, indoor and outdoor air inequities. We also would like to acknowledge the contemporary Tribal leaders’ and other Tribe members’ whose contributions to the field of commercial tobacco prevention, control, and treatment, as well as clean air policies, benefits us all.

Learn more about land acknowledgement and the Indigenous lands where you reside:

- View this map of Native lands or text your zip code to 1-855-917-5263
- The Honor Native Land Virtual Resource Pack
- Tribal Nations & The United States: An Introduction