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## In Support of Land Recognition

Whereas, the Winona State University Campus occupies the land of the Dakota People

Whereas, WSUSS commits to acknowledging and honoring the land and narratives of all Indigenous people

Whereas, WSUSS seeks to reconcile with Indigenous communities including the Oceti Sakowin for historical trauma and present inequities

Whereas, WSUSS strives to advocate for and empower all Indigenous people

Whereas, the following passage is read at University-sponsored events: "We recognize and acknowledge that Winona State University is situated on the ancestral lands of the Dakota people. We acknowledge and honor the Dakota Nations and the sacred land of all indigenous peoples."

*Therefore be it resolved,* that the WSUSS President recites the passage with meetings of the whole Senate body to be mindful of our presence on Indigenous land.

Be it further resolved that the WSUSS Vice President recites this passage with the committees they chair.

Be it further resolved, that the WSUSS Treasurer recites this passage with the committees they chair.

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