

Native American Land Statement

We recognize that we are coming together on stolen land, and acknowledge the indigenous people whose land we gather on: The Wa She Shu people (Washoe Tribe), The Numa, (Northern Paiute Tribe) the Newe (Western Shoshone Tribe), and the Nuwuvi (Southern Paiute Tribe).

While this land acknowledgment does not compensate for centuries of forced removal, ethnic cleansing, and genocide, it is an important social justice and decolonial practice to promote Indigenous visibility, and remind us that we are settlers. Let this acknowledgement open conversations, and let us contemplate ways to join in decolonization and Indigenous movements for sovereignty and self-determination.

Although domestic and sexual violence is unacceptable and not traditional to Indigenous cultures, Native women are among the most vulnerable, suffering the highest rates of sexual violence, intimate partner violence, and stalking. They can have life-long consequences emotionally, mentally, socially, and physically.

Each of us has a responsibility as relatives to speak out against violence and ensure the voices of Native survivors are honored and heard.

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FEDERALLY
RECOGNIZED
TRIBES

27
SEPARATE
RESERVATIONS,
BANDS, COLONIES,
AND COMMUNITY
COUNCILS

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1 IN 2
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