

# 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. These can have life-long consequences emotionally, mentally, socially, and physically.

Each of us has a responsibility to listen to and uplift the voices of Native and Indigenous survivors, and to speak out when violence and oppression occurs; only then are we truly honoring and partnering with our Indigenous relatives.

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FEDERALLY  
RECOGNIZED  
TRIBES

28  
SEPARATE  
RESERVATIONS,  
BANDS, COLONIES,  
AND COMMUNITY  
COUNCILS

4 IN 5  
AMERICAN INDIAN &  
ALASKA NATIVE  
WOMEN HAVE  
EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE  
IN THEIR LIFETIME

1 IN 2  
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SEXUAL VIOLENCE