

Resolution 20-1163

ADDITION OF A LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO MONDAY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

COUNCILWOMAN JAMIE TORRES, COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

Land Acknowledgement

What is a Land Acknowledgement

“It is important to understand the long-standing history that has brought you to reside on the land, and to seek to understand your place within that history.”

Land Acknowledgements are tailored to our community and our scope

Relevance in Denver

Indigenous history in Denver is rich and for years, sought greater respect and recognition

Land Acknowledgements are community standard protocol – gaining prominence in institutions

- Denver Arts & Venues
- Denver American Indian Commission
- Colleges & Universities

This year we celebrate the 5th year of Indigenous People's Day. An effort that was made official through the work of community, the Denver American Indian Commission and Clerk Lopez, when he represented District 3.

Proposed Language

The Denver City Council honors and acknowledges that the land on which we reside is the traditional territory of the Ute, Cheyenne, and Arapaho Peoples. We also recognize the 48 contemporary tribal nations that are historically tied to the lands that make up the state of Colorado.

We honor Elders past, present, and future, and those who have stewarded this land throughout generations. We also recognize that government, academic and cultural institutions were founded upon and continue to enact exclusions and erasures of Indigenous Peoples.

May this acknowledgement demonstrate a commitment to working to dismantle ongoing legacies of oppression and inequities and recognize the current and future contributions of Indigenous communities in Denver.

Questions?

