

THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

S.R. 2020/2021 – 05

**A Resolution Formally In Support of the Land Acknowledgement Statement Drafted by
the Land Acknowledgement Committee**

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

February 1st, 2021

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Sponsored by:

February 8th, 2021

Approved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body, and prepared for the presentation to
the president of the Undergraduate Student Government

February 10th, 2021

Approved by the president of the Undergraduate Student Government, and so order into effect.



Michael Johnston
Speaker of the Senate



R. Harrison Carter
President of the Undergraduate Student Government

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In the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body here assembled,

1. **Whereas**, the Undergraduate Student Government represents the undergraduate student voice
2. at Bowling Green State University; and

3. **Whereas**, Bowling Green State University and the Undergraduate Student Government
4. aim to ensure all student voices are represented within the Senate; and

5. **Whereas**, Land Acknowledgment is an important way in which we recognize and honor the
6. historical significance of the way in which our land has been treated, cared for, and molded
7. over generations; and

10. **Whereas**, The acknowledgement statement provides a unique and meaningful learning
11. experience to students, faculty, staff, and overall community of Bowling Green State
12. University and the surrounding area; and

13. **Whereas**, Bowling Green State University lists in their Focus on the Future plan under
14. objective 6¹ that, “Raise BGSU’s profile as a national, comprehensive research university
15. that drives the social, economic, educational, and cultural vitality of our region, nation, and
16. world;” and

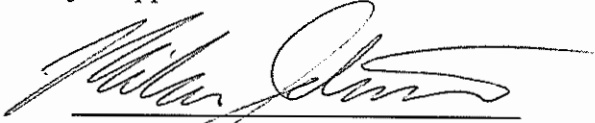
17. **Whereas**, A land acknowledgement statement universally supported by all areas of campus
18. directly contributes to the achievement of objective 6 of the Focus on the Future plan, while
19. simultaneously fostering an inclusive and diverse environment; and

20. **Therefore, let it be resolved that**, The Undergraduate Student Government formally
21. supports and applauds the Land Acknowledgement Committee’s efforts to develop and
22. promote a land acknowledgement statement for our campus and surrounding community

¹ <https://www.bgsu.edu/focus-on-the-future/mission-vision-and-core-values.html>

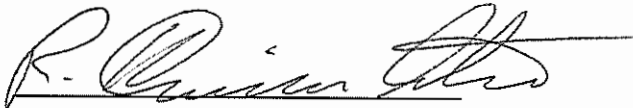
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Passed by the Senate and ordered presented to the president of the Undergraduate Student Body for Approval or Veto.



Michael Johnston
Speaker of the Senate

I do hereby approve and order this legislation into effect.



R. Harrison Carter
President of the Undergraduate Student Government

I do hereby disapprove and order this legislation to be returned to the Senate.

R. Harrison Carter
President of the Undergraduate Student Government

Appendix:

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Land Acknowledgement for written delivery:

Bowling Green State University and its affiliated campuses are situated in the ancestral territory of numerous Indigenous and Native tribes. This space holds many historical and contemporary ties to the Wyandotte, Huron, Kickapoo, Erie, Miami, and Peoria. This area's history reveals an arterial network of complex economic and cultural significance. We honor and recognize the stewardship, dedication, and presence of those for whom the Great Black Swamp and the Lower Great Lakes region is home. Through this statement, we aim to trace the past to the present to inform current conditions. It is within BGSU's responsibility as an academic institution to disseminate knowledge about Indigenous peoples and the institution's history with them. We recognize and further the conversation around decolonizing history to honor Indigenous individuals and communities who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial. This type of acknowledgement must not only be through statement, but in action and practice as well.

Land Acknowledgement for oral delivery:

The region in which Bowling Green State University and its campuses are situated, inhabit the Great Black Swamp and the Lower Great Lakes region. This land is the ancestral territory of the Wyandotte, Huron, Kickapoo, Erie, Miami, and Peoria. We recognize these historical and contemporary ties in our efforts to further the conversation around decolonizing history and honoring Indigenous individuals and communities who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial.