

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

of

LOYOLA CHICAGO

MEASURE OF THE SENATE

The SGLC Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Act

To recognize the Indigenous Land we reside and work upon as the Student Government of Loyola Chicago within the Articles of Governance.

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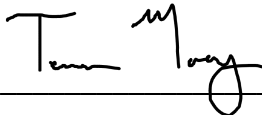
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to be filed by the Chief Justice



Date: 03/10/2021

Signed by the President of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago



Date: 3/15/2021

Signed by the Chief Justice of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago

Chiefly Sponsored By:

Senator Margaret Bronec

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Senator Ella Doyle

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Senator Mereya Riopedre

Senator Hannah Kwak

Senator Eric Luu

Senator Elaina Richards

The SGLC Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Act

To recognize the Indigenous Land we reside and work upon as the Student Government of Loyola Chicago within the Articles of Governance.

- ¹**Whereas,** An Indigenous Land Acknowledgment is a statement used to recognize and respect Native American Peoples and Indigenous Justice, and
- ²**Whereas,** The current Articles of Governance of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago, here after referred to as the SGLC, does not acknowledge the unceded land of the Sioux, Miami, Kickapoo, Pottawatomi, and Peoria Tribes¹, and
- ³**Whereas,** The first formal Indigenous Land Acknowledgment practice occurred in October of 2019, wherein Senator Ella Doyle led the SGLC in acknowledging and honoring Indigenous Peoples Day and Indigenous Land, and
- ⁴**Whereas,** The SGLC, formally recognized Indigenous Peoples Day in a resolution entitled “A Resolution to Recognize Indigenous Peoples Day”² chiefly sponsored by Senator Ella Doyle in February of 2020, and
- ⁵**Whereas,** A formal Indigenous Land Acknowledgment practice occurred during the Spring 2021 In-Service Sustainability and Sunrise Movement presentation, wherein Senator Eric Luu led the SGLC in acknowledging and honoring Indigenous Land and Justice³, and
- ⁶**Whereas,** A formal Indigenous Land Acknowledgment is a step the SGLC can take to honor Native Peoples and educate the SGLC membership and Loyola University Chicago student body of the erasure of Native Peoples and their languages, cultures, religions and connections to ancestral territories⁴, and
- ⁷**Whereas,** A formal Indigenous Land Acknowledgment is a foundational internal step we, the SGLC, can take to guide our governance, and
- ⁸**Whereas,** Our acknowledgment of and commitment to Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Justice must not end with the foundational internal step of creating an Indigenous

¹ [Native Land Map](#)

² [A Resolution to Recognize Indigenous Peoples Day](#)

³ 2021 [In Service Sunrise Movement Presentation](#)

⁴ [Native Peoples Information](#)

Land Acknowledgment and must continue and expand during the forthcoming terms.

¹Be It Enacted, Chapter 1, Article 2, Subsection 3 be written as follows:

“The SGLC Indigenous Land Acknowledgment shall be as follows:

The SGLC brings forth the acknowledgment of the stolen land of the Sioux, Kickapoo, Potawatomi, Miami, and Peoria tribes that we currently reside, work, and learn upon as Loyola University Chicago community members. We, as members of the SGLC, commit to honoring these tribes, their elders, and this land in the spaces we are a part of during our time at Loyola and in our future careers. We acknowledge that our institution sits upon Indigenous land, reinforcing the colonial erasure of Native Peoples and their cultures, languages, religions, and connection to ancestral territories. We invite everyone to learn more about Indigenous Land and Peoples’ and to donate time, funds, and other resources to Indigenous Justice Organizations.”, and

²Be It Enacted, Chapter 3, Article 8, Subsection 1, Letter E be written as follows:

“The Speaker must designate an SGLC member to give an Indigenous Land Acknowledgment at the first Senate meeting of each academic semester and after each external election cycle. Reference the appendix for more information on this practice.”, and

³Be It Enacted, The Indigenous Land Acknowledgment be permanently listed on the SGLC website in congruence with the 2020-2021 SGLC Communications team recommendations.