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The University Senate recommends that Montclair State University adopt a Land Acknowledgement Statement that acknowledges the location of the university within

tribal leaders and indigenous experts.

We respectfully acknowledge that Montclair State University occupies land in Lenapehoking, the traditional and expropriated territory of the Lenape. As a state institution, we recognize and support the sovereignty of New Jersey's three state-recognized tribes: the Ramapough Lenape, Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape, and Powhatan Renaissance nations. We recognize the sovereign nations of the Lenape diaspora elsewhere in North

erasure that persist today. We recognize the resilience and persistence of contemporary Indigenous communities and their role in educating all of us about justice, equity, and the stewardship of the land throughout the generations.

the development of prominently placed pages on the University Web site that include, but are not limited to,

- acknowledging the Lenape people,
- describes the meaning and purpose of a Land Acknowledgement reading,
- provides information on when it is appropriate to make such an Acknowledgement at a public event;
- provides educational materials in collaboration with Indigenous people, scholars, and experts,
- an audio pronunciation guide for the statement and related materials;

