

Proposed Resolution Template

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Title of Resolution: ***Indigenous Land & Original Steward Acknowledgement***

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Reason for Resolution: *To acknowledge the contributions of Native Americans in Arizona and around the United States within the Democratic Party.*

¹<https://www.nicoa.org/american-indian-veterans-have-highest-record-of-military-service/>

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Whereas, as tribal nations we draw on the lived experience of our ancestors who overcame grave challenges and endured the Long Walk of Hweeldi, the Trail of Tears, and the traumas of Indian boarding school systems.

Whereas tribal nations have witnessed the usurpation of our sacred natural resources that once quenched the thirst and filled the bellies of our families and animals.

Whereas, there are 574 federally recognized tribes in the United States of America and twenty-two (22) federally recognized tribes in the State of Arizona and many more who call Arizona home in major urban areas.

Whereas, American Indians and Alaska Natives serve in the Armed Forces five times greater than the national average and have served with distinction in every major conflict for over 200 years. Native American people constitute the highest per-capita ratio of any population that serves in the U.S. military. They also have a higher concentration of women service members than all other groups. Nearly 20 percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives service members are women, whereas women make up 15.6 percent of all other service members.¹

Whereas, American Indians and Alaska Natives turned out in record numbers to vote in 2020, changing the democratic landscape for people across the country and in battleground states like Arizona and many more. Tribal citizens and allies across fifteen (15) counties in Arizona are rising to the challenge of extinguishing the voiceless and lighting a path for leaders of today and those to come.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Arizona Democratic Party (ADP) urges the Democratic National Committee (DNC) to affirm the unwavering collective strength and resilience of the citizens of tribal nations from the east to the west coast and raise awareness, educate, and fulfill democratic values through action, by integrating Indigenous Land Acknowledgements and First People acknowledgments as original stewards of our landscapes and sacred resources throughout all Democratic agendas, meetings, and public activities;

Therefore, be it resolved, ADP urges the DNC to integrate the rich vibrancy of indigenous culture into seven DNC videos spotlighting democracy in action by region at each full DNC meeting, acknowledge original stewards in public statements, imagery, meetings, social media, and other events;

Therefore, be it resolved, that engaging the 574 tribal nations across the country will continue to be crucial for Democrats' success in future elections. ADP urges DNC for consistent DNC funding for outreach and education in tribal communities with dedicated regional year round personnel committed to voter education among tribal citizens in urban, rural and remote areas;

Therefore, be it resolved, ADP and the entire Arizona DNC delegation shall present this resolution to the DNC and pursue actions in accordance with this resolution at the next and future DNC meetings.

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