

# LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*We humbly ask permission from all our relatives;  
Our elders, our families, our children,  
The winged and the insects,  
The four-legged, the swimmers  
And all the plant and animal nations, to speak.  
Our Mother has cried out to us.  
She is in pain.  
We are called to answer her cries.  
Msit No'Kmaq—All my relations!*

~ Indigenous prayer<sup>1</sup>

What we now call Portland, Oregon, and Multnomah County are the traditional lands of the Multnomah, Wasco, Cowlitz, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Bands of Chinook, Tualatin, Kalapuya, Molalla, and many other tribes who made their homes along the Columbia River. These Indigenous peoples signed the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855 and were later forcibly removed from their homelands to the Grande Ronde Indian Reservation.

We acknowledge the ancestors and survivors of this Place and recognize that we are here because of systemic policies of genocide, relocation, and assimilation that still impact many Indigenous, Native American people today. We honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants who carry on Tribal traditions for present and future generations.

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