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Land Acknowledgement Statement

We recognize and honor the Indigenous people who inhabited these lands before the United States was established, including the Apache, Caddo, Tonkawa and Wichita. We also honor those tribes who have an historic relationship to this region, including the Comanche, Kiowa, Osage and Quapaw. Today, 39 distinct tribal nations reside in Oklahoma after forced removal from their original homelands. We acknowledge that these lands carry the stories of these Nations and their struggles for survival and identity. We recognize Elders past and present as peoples who have cared for, and continue to care for, the land. In offering this land acknowledgment, we affirm their continued Indigenous autonomy, sovereignty, history, experiences, and resiliency of the Native people who are still here today.

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