

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SIXTY-FIRST SESSION**



BILL NO. 61-109

INTRODUCED BY: Casper (NAISO) SECONDED BY: Doss (CSS)

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**A BILL TO: Call on the University to Approve the Wording of the Proposed
Land Acknowledgment and Start Construction of the Physical Land Plaque**

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, The project to write a Native-lead land acknowledgment started in the Spring of 2021, with ASMSU Senior Class Council approaching the North American Indigenous Student Organization (NAISO) to express commitment in funding the project for a physical land acknowledgment; and,

WHEREAS, In the 60th Session of ASMSU, Bill 60-94 was passed securing the promised funding of \$5,000 for the physical plaque; and,

WHEREAS, Coming to a consensus to the wording and approval of the wording of the acknowledgement with higher administration has been contentious and lengthy process, with NAISO making several rounds of revisions before coming to the current version; and,

WHEREAS, The last communication our committee advisor (Emily Sorroche) received about the project was November 1st, 2024, in which the decision made reflected that university administration agreed to move forward with remaining steps; and,

WHEREAS, A meeting Educating Anishinaabe: Giving, Learning, and Empowering (EAGLE) Executive Board was supposed to have with Dr. Bennett in January, in which the topic of the acknowledgement was on the agenda, was cancelled; and,

WHEREAS, The last communication the North American Indigenous Student Organization

(NAISO) received from higher administration was during the CORES and CAMS meeting with University Administrators on February 14th, 2025, where the information given was that the process is moving along, however more conversations had to be facilitated and approvals given from administration and the Office of the President; and,

WHEREAS, The project has been in the works for four years, with each original undergraduate member of the Land Acknowledgment Plaque Committee graduating in 2024, experiencing multiple points of delay from higher administration that slowed the momentum of the project down; and,

WHEREAS, It is imperative that University works diligently to see a conclusion to the project as soon as possible, given past delays, students graduating on, and the fact that Native student labor on MSU’s campus is spread particularly thin; and,

WHEREAS, The last opportunity for the proposed land acknowledgement language to be passed this year by the Board of Trustees will be April 26, 2025; and let it be further,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall take the following actions such as spreading awareness about the barriers Native students and faculty have experienced passing a land acknowledgement written by and for the Native community; and let it be further,

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University shall hold higher administration accountable for seeing through the approval and conclusion of the land acknowledgement plaque project.

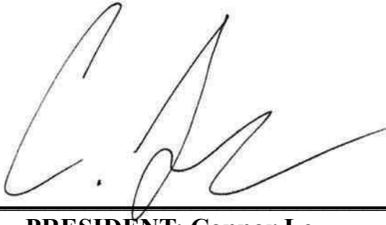
INTRODUCED ON _____ **03.27.2025** _____

REFERRED TO Academic **COMMITTEE ON** 03.20.2025

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN _____ **DATE** _____

COMMITTEE ACTION X **Voice Majority** 03.20.2025
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FINAL ACTION TAKEN X Voice Majority 03.27.2025
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PRESIDENT: Connor Le



VPIA: Kathryn Harding