

## The State of Michigan Pledge

State pledge found at MCL 2.29:

The following pledge of allegiance to the state flag, written by Harold G. Coburn, shall be the official pledge of allegiance to the state flag:

***“I pledge allegiance to the flag of Michigan, and to the state for which it stands, 2 beautiful peninsulas united by a bridge of steel, where equal opportunity and justice to all is our ideal.”***

**History:** 1972, Act 165, Imd. Eff. June 13, 1972

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## Land Acknowledgments

What are Land Acknowledgments?

A Land Acknowledgment or Land Recognition is a formal statement, often given orally at the beginning of organized events, celebrations, or activities. It recognizes, respects, and affirms that there is an irreducible and ongoing relationship between indigenous people and the Land.

Why introduce the practice of Land Acknowledgment?

- To offer recognition and respect
- To create a broader public awareness of the history that has led to this moment
- To take a cue from Indigenous protocol, opening up space with reverence and respect
- To inspire ongoing action and build authentic, equitable relationships.

Provisional Land Acknowledgment

The following is an abridged acknowledgment, intended to be read at the beginning of formal events or published in printed materials.

***“We collectively acknowledge that the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is conducting meetings within the traditional homelands of many Indigenous nations. We recognize, support, and advocate for the sovereignty of Michigan’s 12 federally-recognized Indian nations for indigenous individuals, who live here now, and for those who were removed from their homelands. By offering this Land Acknowledgment, we commit to opportunities for Native American voices in the redistricting process and offer our gratitude for the diverse indigenous people and nations, who laid the foundation for this place today.”***

Sources: U.S. Department of Arts and Culture [www.usdac.us](http://www.usdac.us)  
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