



Fairbanks Diversity Council

800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE READING OF A LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
AT THE BEGINNING OF FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, the esteemed Denakkanaaga Elders have crafted and approved of the Land Acknowledgement set out below to be used in various publications, on appropriate signage, prior to meetings and conferences, as well as other suitable uses; and

WHEREAS, a Land Acknowledgement can function as a living celebration of Indigenous communities; and

WHEREAS, a Land Acknowledgement, by itself, is a small gesture, but it becomes meaningful when coupled with authentic relationships and informed action; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks Diversity Council voted to implement the reading of a Land Acknowledgement at each of its meetings on November 8, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks Diversity Council recommends to the City Council that the following Land Acknowledgement be read at the beginning of Fairbanks City Council meetings:

We respectfully acknowledge the Dena people upon whose traditional lands we reside. We honor the Dena who have been the stewards of Interior lands and waters for centuries, the Elders who lived here before, the Dena people of today, and future generations to come. We also recognize that Alaskan Native people would traditionally gather here and harvest Native foods.

PASSED and APPROVED this 18th day of November 2025 by the Fairbanks Diversity Council.

Signed:


Karen Blackburn, Fairbanks Diversity Council Chair

Attest:


D. Danyelle Snider, MMC, City Clerk