

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-XXXX

TITLE: THE INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, Again ACT– 100 Codes

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CHAPTER 106 – THE INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ACT

106.1 The University of Florida Student Government, in accordance with supporting an inclusive and supportive environment for those Indigenous students at the University of Florida, ratifies the following Indigenous Land Acknowledgement statement:

- i. “We, The University of Florida Student Government, recognize that our campus is located on the ancestral and traditional territory of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and Timucua Tribe. We recognize that the historic displacement and violence against Indigenous people has led to severe plights for Indigenous individuals throughout our American history. Despite these circumstances, the Indigenous communities across this nation have continued to stay connected and nurturing of this territory and their cultural ways of life. We pay our respects tp these Indigenous elders and descendants of the past and present, especially those who have called the University of Florida home within their lifetime. We shall commit ourselves to supporting Indigenous sovereignty and culture within and beyond the University of Florida”**

106.2 This official Indigenous Land Acknowledgement may be delivered verbally to the public should a Senator or a member of the public ask for it to be read out. Should this request be made, said student may be allowed the time necessary to adequately deliver the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement:

- 1. Special and Regular Meetings of the Student Senate of the University of Florida**
- 2. State of the Campus Address**
- 3. Student Government Executive Ticket Debate**
- 4. Student Government Election Results Announcements**
- 5. ACCENT Speakers Bureau Speaker Events**

106.3 No student leader, speaker, or participant at any SG event shall be compelled, obligated, or mandated to deliver the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement. Failure to deliver the Indigenous Land Acknowledgment shall not result in any penalty, sanction, or adverse consequence.