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TITLE: Uniformity of Indigenous Land Acknowledgement – 100 CODES REVISION

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CHAPTER 106 – THE INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ACT (2024-108)

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 to 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."~~"We acknowledge that the University of Florida is located on the ancestral and present homelands of the Ais, Apalachee, Calusa, Creek, Miccosukee, and Yamasee peoples, with our main campus located on the ancestral territory of the Potano and of the Seminole peoples. The Potano, of Timucua affiliation, lived here in the Alachua region until the destruction of their towns in the early 1700s. We pay our respects to these Indigenous elders and descendants of the past and present, especially those who have called the University of Florida home within their lifetime."