



# ABORIGINAL GREETING

At the beginning of the (insert event name) Ontario Equality Retreat, we acknowledge that we are meeting on aboriginal land that has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples from the beginning.

As settlers, we're grateful for the opportunity to meet here and we thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land - for thousands of years.

Long before today, as we gather here, there have been aboriginal peoples who have been the stewards of (insert location specific information).

We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place. We also recognize the contributions of Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening this community in particular, and our province and country as a whole.

As settlers, this recognition of the contributions and historic importance of Indigenous peoples must also be clearly and overtly connected to our collective commitment to make the promise and the challenge of Truth and Reconciliation real in our communities, and in particular to bring justice for murdered and missing indigenous women and girls across our country.

**Guelph, ON** – We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Neutral). This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties.

**Hamilton, ON** – We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudensaunee and Anishnaabeg. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and directly adjacent to Haldimand Treaty territory.

**Hearst, ON** – We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Treaty 9 territory and the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of Ojibwe/Chippewa, Oji-Cree, Mushkegowuk (Cree), Algonquin, and Metis peoples.

**Kingston, ON** – We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee Peoples.

**London, ON** – We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Attawandaron (Neutral), and Wendat peoples.

**Niagara Falls:** We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Seneca, Menominee, Algonquin, Nipissing, Ojibwa, Mississaugas, and others who were part of the Seven Nations of Canada and the Western Lakes Confederacy.

**North Bay, ON** – We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory and that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg people.

**Oshawa, ON** - We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation.

**Ottawa, ON** - We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.

**Peterborough, ON** - We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg Mississauga adjacent to Haudenosaunee Territory and in the territory covered by the Williams Treaty.

**Sault Ste. Marie, ON** – We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory and that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg and Métis people.

**St. Catharines, ON** – We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of Anishnaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples.

**Sudbury, ON** – We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory and the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Atikameksheng Anishnaabeg.

**Thunder Bay, ON** – We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Robinson-Superior Treaty territory and that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg and the Métis.

**Toronto, ON** – We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the territory of the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. The territory was the subject of the *Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant*, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

This territory is also covered by the Upper Canada Treaties.

Today, the meeting place of Toronto is still the home to many indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work/present in this territory.

**Waterloo, ON** – We (I) would like to acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.

**Windsor, ON** – We (I) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Neutral), Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.