

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND CELEBRATING THE  
INHERENT SOVEREIGNTY OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION AND 11  
ADDITIONAL INDIGENOUS NATIONS WITHIN WHAT IS NOW  
REFERRED TO AS THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Solidarity Collective of McFarland was formed locally to research and prepare an acknowledgement to recognize the land in and around McFarland that was formerly inhabited by the Ho-Chunk people,

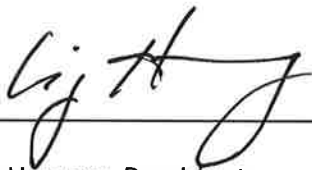
WHEREAS, this land acknowledgment was prepared based upon historical research and examples of other enacted acknowledgements from within the region as well as reviewed for consistency by representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the McFarland School District Board of Education hereby adopts the recommended land acknowledgement as follows:

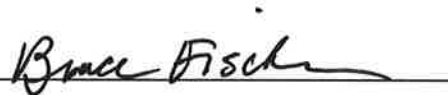
*McFarland occupies ancestral, sacred and continuously inhabited Ho-Chunk land, the four lakes region is known to the Ho-Chunk people as Teejop (day-JOPE) since time immemorial. In an 1832 treaty, the Ho-Chunk were forced to cede this territory. Decades of ethnic cleansing followed when the federal government repeatedly, but unsuccessfully, sought to forcibly remove all Ho-Chunk people from Wisconsin. We acknowledge the role that the United States government and settlers played that led to the forced removal of Ho-Chunk people, and honor their legacy of resistance and resilience. This history of colonization informs our work and vision for a collaborative future. The Ho-Chunk Nation's government is currently headquartered in Black River Falls. It is with great respect that we acknowledge and celebrate the inherent sovereignty of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the 11 additional Indigenous Nations within what is now referred to as the State of Wisconsin.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board for the Village of McFarland held a joint meeting with the McFarland School District Board of Education to jointly adopt this land acknowledgement dated this 3rd day of May, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of the School District of McFarland on a 5-0 vote on the 3rd day of May, 2023.



Craig Howery, President



Bruce Fischer, Clerk