



FRANCES PERKINS CENTER

Land Acknowledgement

Affirming the relationships between Indigenous Peoples and their ancestral territories, the Frances Perkins Center acknowledges the traditional keepers of the land on which we are located. We acknowledge the ancient and historic keepers, the Wabanaki and their descendants. We acknowledge the Penobscot Nation as stewards of this territory— past, present, and future— those who were removed and those who remain.

We acknowledge that we are today the beneficiaries of war and broken treaties which seized millions of acres from their sovereign nations and people. We acknowledge that Indigenous people have a rightful place in making decisions that impact the well-being of these lands and waters and all the living things that reside within.

In moving this land acknowledgment into institutional action, we will seek advice and participation from the Penobscot people. Actionable items could include access to the land for the ceremony and other cultural uses, admission to the Homestead, engagement with research and educational programming, understanding and commitment to each other, and additional substantive opportunities such as we may be able to provide.

Adopted by the Frances Perkins Center Board of Directors

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