

REFERENCE TITLE: tribal land acknowledgment

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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 1-802; RELATING TO GOVERNMENTAL MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 1, chapter 8, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 1-802, to read:
4 1-802. Tribal land acknowledgement; limitation; definition
5 A. EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL, PUBLIC UNIVERSITY, COMMUNITY COLLEGE, STATE
6 OR LOCAL PARK OR LIBRARY OR OTHER STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN
7 THIS STATE, IN CONSULTATION WITH NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES, SHALL DISPLAY A
8 NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT PLAQUE IN A CLEARLY VISIBLE
9 LOCATION IN A PUBLIC AREA OF THE BUILDING THAT IS READILY ACCESSIBLE TO
10 THE PUBLIC.
11 B. THIS SECTION DOES NOT GRANT ANY RIGHTS OR PRIVILEGES TO ANY
12 NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE THAT IS NOT FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED. THE LAND
13 ACKNOWLEDGMENT PROCESS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION DOES NOT HAVE ANY LEGAL
14 FORCE OR EFFECT AND IS DESIGNED SOLELY TO PAY RESPECT TO THE INDIGENOUS
15 PEOPLE THAT OCCUPIED LAND IN THIS STATE BEFORE SETTLEMENT.
16 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT MEANS A
17 STATEMENT BY WHICH NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES ARE PROPERLY RECOGNIZED AS
18 TRADITIONAL STEWARDS OF THE LAND ON WHICH A PUBLIC SCHOOL, PUBLIC
19 UNIVERSITY, COMMUNITY COLLEGE, STATE OR LOCAL PARK OR LIBRARY OR OTHER
20 STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING IS LOCATED.
21 Sec. 2. Short title
22 This act may be cited as the "Tribal Land Acknowledgment Act".