



STATEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

With gratitude and humility, the Amy B. Yerkes Museum recognizes this museum site and the Borough of Hatboro as part of Lenapehoking (Lënapehòkink), the ancestral homelands of the Lenni Lenape peoples who have been caretakers of this area since time immemorial. A long history of broken treaties, forced migrations, and dishonest agreements displaced many of the Lenape from this land.

This museum and its staff strive to understand our and Hatboro's place within the legacy of colonization and to act as allies to Lenape people today and their vibrant communities on whose land present-day Hatboro lies.

In offering this land acknowledgement, we hope to encourage engagement with the legacies of settler colonialism in our institution and our collection. It is equally important to honor the present, historical, and future relationship of the Lenni Lenape to this land, and the place names within our community derived from the Lenape language. We have a responsibility to be mindful of the impact our institutions have on the land we occupy, and to educate ourselves on the histories of the places where we live and work.

“Let us honor them in the Lenape way. To remember where we are and who we are with. To be of one mind and one heart with all our relations. To remember the ancestors and to walk softly and carefully on our Mother Earth. And to give thanks to our Creator. With these thoughts, all right action follows. Aho.”

STATEMENT OF ENSLAVEMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are also cognizant that we cannot separate the history of our community from the history of colonialism and slavery in the United States. Nearly four hundred years ago, the first enslaved Africans were brought to the Philadelphia region, and by the late 18th century, 114 were enslaved in Montgomery County and 440 more were designated “Other Free Persons” of non-White race

We acknowledge the legacy of slavery in this area, and the blood, sweat, and tears of enslaved people that soak the earth beneath our feet. This legacy persists today as we continue to work towards racial justice, equity, liberation, and community.