



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Joint Resolution No. 33

House of Representatives, March 23, 2026

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. BLUMENTHAL of the 147th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the joint resolution ought to be adopted.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIVE AMERICAN STEWARDSHIP.

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, all land in Connecticut was once Native American
2 territory; and

3 WHEREAS, it is our duty to acknowledge that, as the state's land-
4 grant institution, The University of Connecticut exists on Native
5 American land; and

6 WHEREAS, it is important to understand the long-standing history
7 that has brought all of us to reside on this land and to seek to understand
8 our place within that history; and

9 WHEREAS, colonialism is a continuing practice, and we need to be
10 mindful of our present participation.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut General
12 Assembly pause in its deliberations to acknowledge that the land on
13 which we gather was the territory of the Mohegan, Mashantucket

14 Pequot, Eastern Pequot, Schaghticoke, Golden Hill Paugussett, Nipmuc
15 and Lenape Peoples, who have stewarded this land throughout the
16 generations, thank them for their strength and resilience in protecting
17 this land and aspire to uphold our responsibilities according to their
18 example.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall not be
20 interpreted as having any effect in any legal or administrative
21 proceeding or procedure.

GAE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The resolution recognizes that all land in the state of Connecticut was once Native American territory, including the University of Connecticut (UConn); acknowledges colonialism; and gives thanks to certain tribes. As the resolution specifies it has no effect on legal or administrative proceedings, it results in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze resolutions.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

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