LAND & WATER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the University of Florida Water Institute is located on the original homeland of the Muscogee, Timucua, Seminole peoples, and many more Nations who traded and migrated through these lands and waters that we now call Gainesville.

Specifically, the University of Florida main campus sits on the original lands of the Potano people, a Timucua-speaking society that was victimized by colonial disease and violence. Their legacy includes advocating for the natural world, farming practices that heal the earth, and connecting to indigenous plants and wildlife through deep respect and conservation.

The work we do within the University of Florida Water Institute, to understand and develop solutions to complex water challenges, is being conducted on the traditional lands and waters cared for by Indigenous groups and communities in Florida and beyond. We are inspired and continue to learn by the ways in which the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, and other Nations advocate for literacy, policy, and collective wisdom to steward the places we honor today.

We encourage you to learn about, acknowledge, respect, and amplify the work of the Indigenous communities, and to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that you can.