

The Village of Waunakee acknowledges that the land we occupy is Teejop, ancestral territory of the Hoocąkra (Ho-Chunk Nation), People of the Sacred Voice. Hoocąkra are stewards of these lands and waters since time immemorial. Settlers attempted to forcibly remove them from their homelands by exploiting a series of land cessions and treaties, including the Treaty of 1832. However, the Hoocąkra resisted these conquests and asserted their sovereignty as a nation. We address this trend of dispossession by upholding Hoocąk woošgąra (way of life), sovereignty, culture, language, and environmental practices. Acknowledging these atrocities is only the first step towards reconciliation. Through relationship-building, education, and action, the Village will advocate for a shared future with the Hoocąkra Nation.

Adopted Unanimously by Waunakee Village Board on 9/20/2021

