



Karankawa Kadla

Monday, January 02, 2023

On behalf of the Karankawa Kadla peoples, our Five Rivers Council met to discuss an opportunity to share some information with our family and friends as follows:

- Plah bewwus (Thank you) for taking the time to receive our message.
- We have been approached by an ally requesting to know how they can best honor and respect us by providing an accurate Land Acknowledgment Statement on their website regarding our ancestors' lands along the Gulf Coast from Galveston, TX to Corpus Christi, TX.
- We appreciate the request and would like to offer the below statement, which may be used by allies wishing to leverage it for educational purposes:

"We recognize the enduring relationship and intimate connection that exists between Indigenous peoples and their ancestral lands and waters. The region from Galveston, Texas to Corpus Christi, Texas are the ancestral and current homelands of the Karankawa, Lipan Apache, Ishak (also known as Atakapa), Cotoname, and other tribal and detribalized peoples from before recorded history to the present day. We express gratitude to these peoples who have stewarded these lands and waters since the beginning of time. It is because of these Indigenous caretaker stewards that we can gather here today, and we acknowledge this land we stand upon as sacred, historical, and significant to the Karankawa Kadla peoples and relatives. We invite all to learn the true history of the lands on which we reside, and we ask that you treat these lands and waters with dignity and respect, as you would your own relative."

- We value our allies in the joint mission to acknowledge and protect our ancestral lands and waters.
- Please feel free to visit www.karankawas.com for additional information about our peoples and our Calls to Action.
- We thank you, again, for taking time to read our statement and for supporting us.

In peace, love, and unity,

-The Karankawa Kadla Five Rivers Council