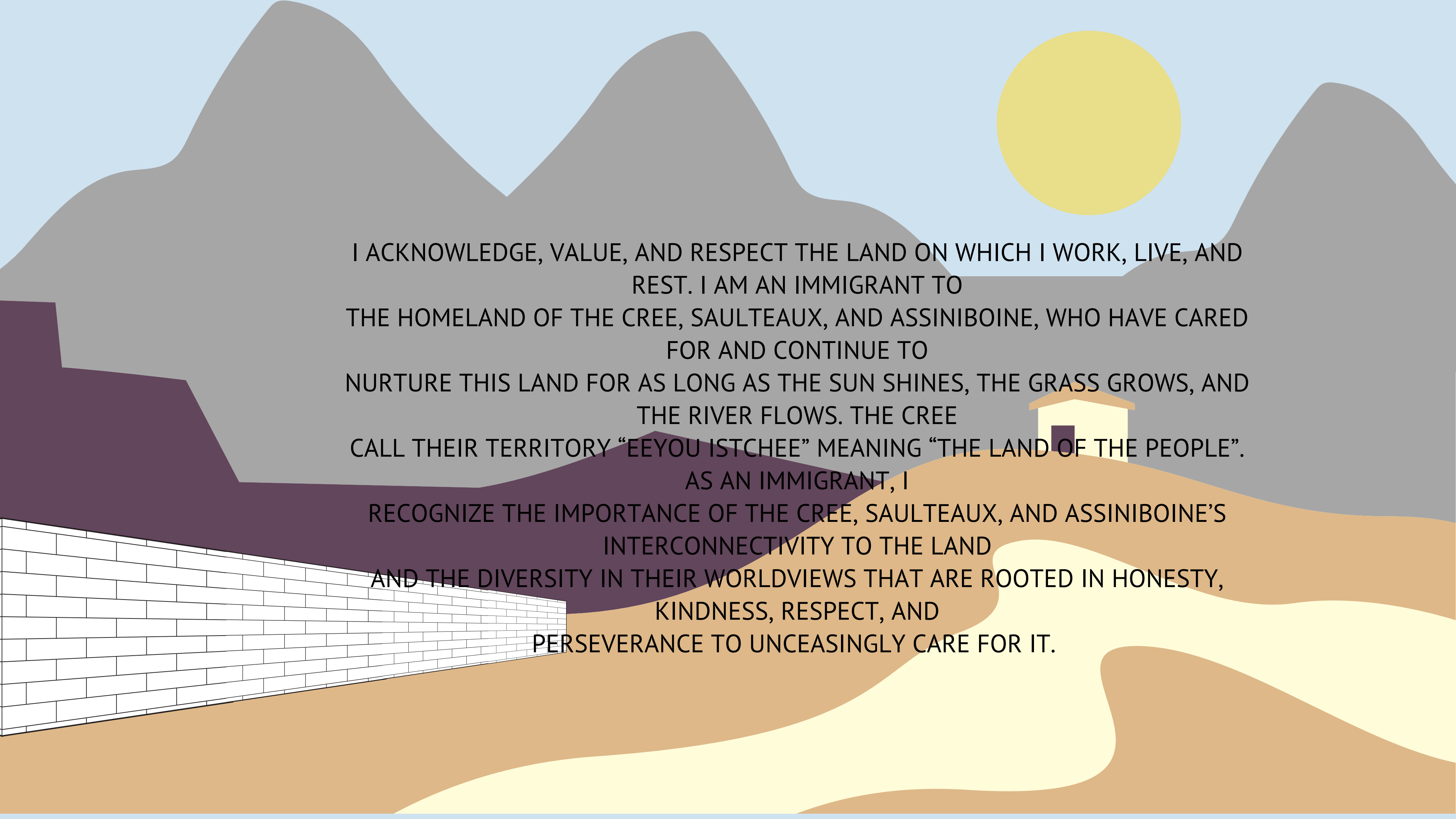


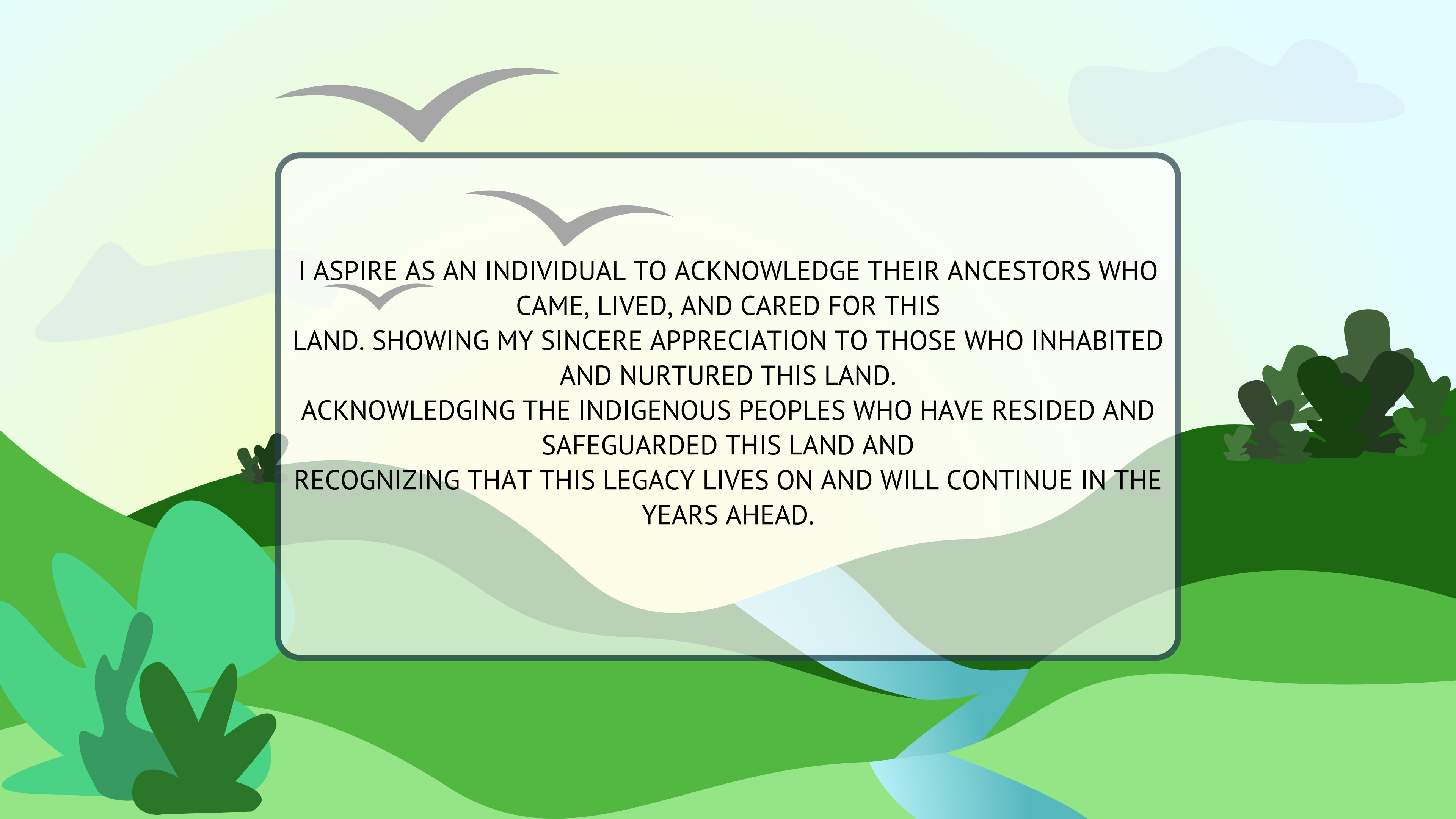
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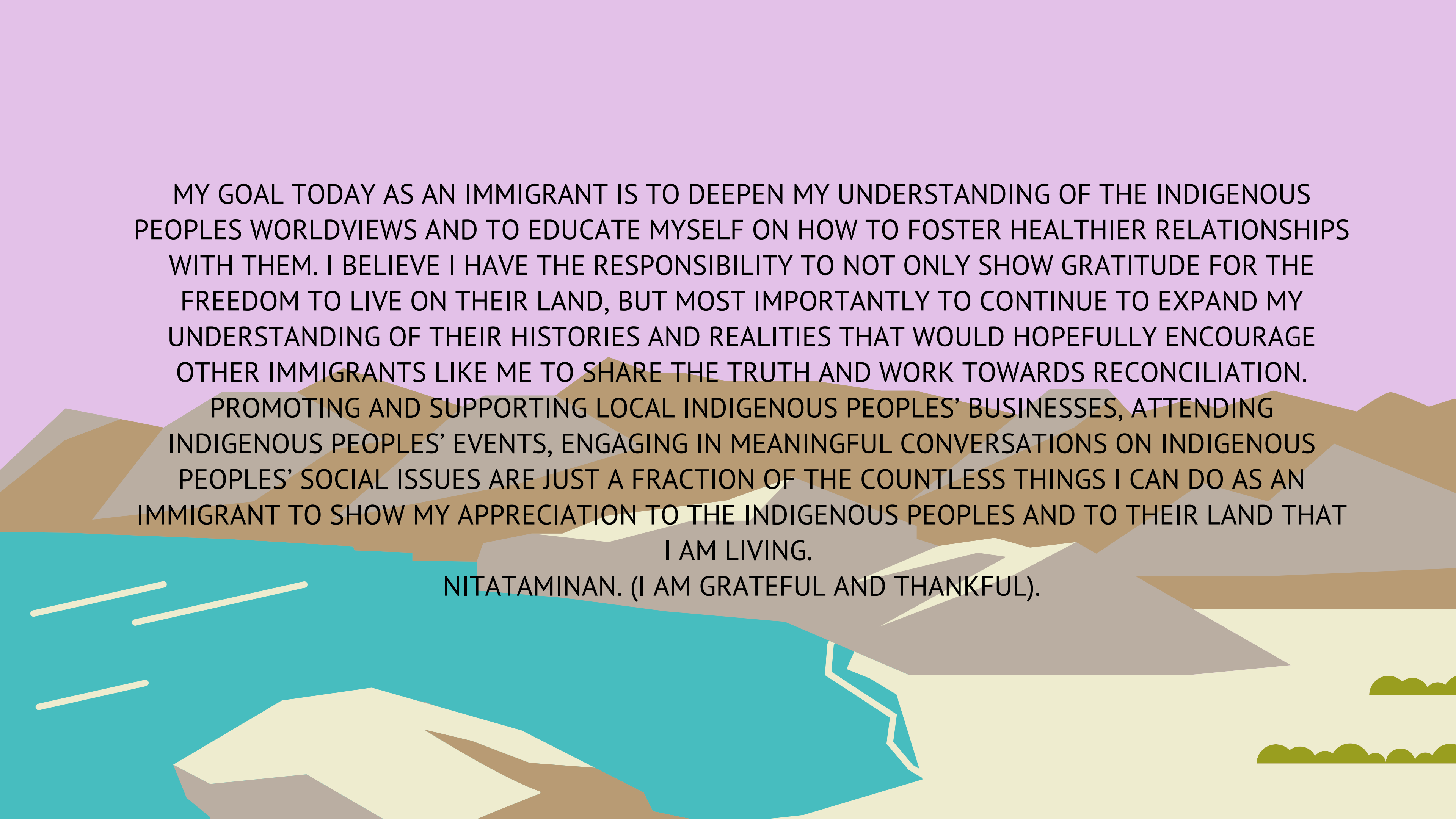
**ROWENA CUENTO**



I ACKNOWLEDGE, VALUE, AND RESPECT THE LAND ON WHICH I WORK, LIVE, AND REST. I AM AN IMMIGRANT TO THE HOMELAND OF THE CREE, SAULTEAUX, AND ASSINIBOINE, WHO HAVE CARED FOR AND CONTINUE TO NURTURE THIS LAND FOR AS LONG AS THE SUN SHINES, THE GRASS GROWS, AND THE RIVER FLOWS. THE CREE CALL THEIR TERRITORY “EYYOU ISTCHEE” MEANING “THE LAND OF THE PEOPLE”. AS AN IMMIGRANT, I RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CREE, SAULTEAUX, AND ASSINIBOINE’S INTERCONNECTIVITY TO THE LAND AND THE DIVERSITY IN THEIR WORLDVIEWS THAT ARE ROOTED IN HONESTY, KINDNESS, RESPECT, AND PERSEVERANCE TO UNCEASINGLY CARE FOR IT.



I ASPIRE AS AN INDIVIDUAL TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR ANCESTORS WHO  
CAME, LIVED, AND CARED FOR THIS  
LAND. SHOWING MY SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THOSE WHO INHABITED  
AND NURTURED THIS LAND.  
ACKNOWLEDGING THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WHO HAVE RESIDED AND  
SAFEGUARDED THIS LAND AND  
RECOGNIZING THAT THIS LEGACY LIVES ON AND WILL CONTINUE IN THE  
YEARS AHEAD.



MY GOAL TODAY AS AN IMMIGRANT IS TO DEEPEN MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WORLDVIEWS AND TO EDUCATE MYSELF ON HOW TO FOSTER HEALTHIER RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEM. I BELIEVE I HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO NOT ONLY SHOW GRATITUDE FOR THE FREEDOM TO LIVE ON THEIR LAND, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND MY UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR HISTORIES AND REALITIES THAT WOULD HOPEFULLY ENCOURAGE OTHER IMMIGRANTS LIKE ME TO SHARE THE TRUTH AND WORK TOWARDS RECONCILIATION.

PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING LOCAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' BUSINESSES, ATTENDING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' EVENTS, ENGAGING IN MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' SOCIAL ISSUES ARE JUST A FRACTION OF THE COUNTLESS THINGS I CAN DO AS AN IMMIGRANT TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION TO THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND TO THEIR LAND THAT I AM LIVING.

NITATAMINAN. (I AM GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL).