



Grand Camp Resolution 16-15

Title: Support of Standing Rock Sioux Opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline and Upholding of Federal Trust Responsibilities to all federally recognized tribes.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp is the oldest known indigenous persons' civil rights organization in the world; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood is to better the lives of Native people and their families; to continue the fight for civil rights and land rights of all Native people; to share the cultural knowledge, wisdom, and artistic beauty of Native Tribal Societies and strive for a spirit of Brotherhood and Sisterhood among all people!

WHEREAS, in a show of monumental cooperation not seen in the 140 years since the Battle of the Greasy Grass or Custer's Last Stand, members of the Lakota Standing Rock Sioux Tribe have united with the Oceti Sakowin, the Seven Fires Council - which include the confederation of Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota Nations - and established a peaceful encampment in Cannon Ball, North Dakota known as the Sacred Stones Camp to resist the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline with a cultural and spiritual presence; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2016 the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council led by Tribal Chairman David Archambault II called on Tribal nations and Indigenous people around the world to issue resolutions in support of the Standing Rock Sioux and the Sacred Stones Camp; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for the environmental review of the Missouri River crossing of the Dakota Access Pipeline under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and based on information and belief, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has not indicated an intention to comply with NEPA or the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) in its oversight of the Missouri River crossing of the Dakota Access Pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior stated in its March 29, 2016, letter to the Army Corps of Engineers that “[t]he routing of a 12- to 30-inch crude oil pipeline in close proximity to and upstream of the Reservation remains an option, the potential impact on trust resources in this particular situation necessitates full analysis and disclosure of potential impacts through the preparation of an [Environmental Impact Statement]”; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Department of Interior, at least two other Federal Agencies; the Environmental Protection Agency and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, have criticized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a lack of consultation with the affected tribal nations and called for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to comply with its legal obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood understand the responsibility of continuing to fight for our rights, not only as citizens of the world; but most importantly as the first citizens of this continent;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood Grand Camp meeting in Juneau, Alaska, October 5-8 2016, demand the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers comply with all Treaties, Executive Orders, government-to-government consultation mandates, and federal laws in connection with the Dakota Access Pipeline and the affected Native American tribes and communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood Camps call on Alaska Congressional delegation to speak out in opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline Missouri River crossing, to put those words into action, and to use all available resources to ensure the United States uphold its federal trust responsibilities to all affected federally recognized tribes.

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