

Resolution #2016-0927

Expressing solidarity with Indigenous resistance to the Dakota Access Pipeline.

WHEREAS, the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline would carry as many as 570,000 barrels of fracked crude oil per day from the Bakken oil fields of North Dakota to Illinois, passing over treaty-protected land containing recognized cultural resources and across or under 209 rivers, creeks, and tributaries, including the Missouri River, which provides drinking water and irrigates agricultural land for ten million or more people across the middle of the country; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline violates the collective environmental human rights of the people of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to life, health, clean water, and a clean environment, and their treaty rights secured to them by the 1851 and 1868 Ft. Laramie Treaties between the Oceti Sakowin and the United States, as well as by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People, and the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man; and,

WHEREAS, despite deep opposition from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, as well as local non-indigenous community members, more than 30 environmental advocacy groups, and other Tribal nations along the proposed route, and without Tribal consultation or meaningful environmental review as required by federal law, in July 2016 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a permit allowing construction of the fracked oil pipeline to move forward; and,

WHEREAS, in a show of monumental cooperation not seen in the 140 years since the Battle of the Greasy Grass, members of the Lakota Standing Rock Sioux Tribe have united with the Oceti Sakowin, the Seven Fires Council which includes the confederation of Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota Nations, and established a peaceful encampment in Cannon Ball, North Dakota known as the Sacred Stone 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 Stone Camp; and,

WHEREAS, the UN has called on the U.S. to provide the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe a "fair, independent, impartial, open and transparent process to resolve this serious issue and to avoid escalation into violence and further human rights abuses," and,

WHEREAS, more than 200 tribal nations and a growing number of US cities have formally passed such resolutions; and,

WHEREAS, all 11 federally recognized tribal governments in the State of Wisconsin have formally expressed their support of the Standing Rock Sioux in their treaty rights to free and informed consent, and their human rights to clean water; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of La Pointe is located in Lake Superior on Madeline Island, which is the sacred homeland of the Anishinabe people and their ancestors, and,

WHEREAS, the Town of La Pointe recognizes that Madeline Island is sacred ancestral home to all the bands of Wisconsin Lake Superior Chippewa—Bad River, Red Cliff, Sokaogon/Mole Lake, Lac du Flambeau, Lac Courte Oreilles, and St. Croix; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of La Pointe recognizes the importance of maintaining government-to-government relationships between tribal governments and local, state and federal governments established by treaties between tribes and the US Government; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of La Pointe honors the Anishinabe's rights to co-govern ceded territory which were secured to them in the Treaties of 1836, 1837, 1842, and the Treaty of 1854, which was signed on and includes Madeline Island; and,

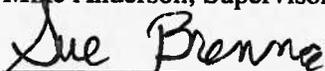
WHEREAS, the Town of La Pointe understands its obligation to protect the natural resources, in particular, the waters of Lake Superior in which it resides,

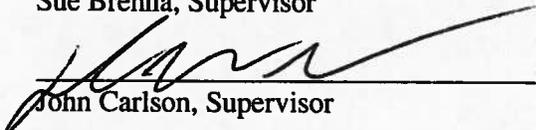
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of La Pointe stands in support of the Indigenous opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline and calls on all residents of La Pointe to raise awareness about this important struggle for Indigenous sovereignty and environmental justice and to support the Sacred Stone Camp efforts in any way they can; and,

FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of La Pointe calls upon the United States and the Army Corps of Engineers to obtain the free, prior and informed consent of the Standing Rock Sioux and any other tribe whose resources could be impacted by the pipeline prior to taking any federal action regarding the DAPL that would harm or destroy tribal ancestral lands, waters and sacred sites.

  
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Clerk Attest

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