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September 6, 2016

The Honorable Dave Archambault II
Chairman, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
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Dv-laa-ha~ (Hello) Honorable Chairman Archambault,

On behalf of all Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Citizens and the Tribal Council I send you our support. As Indigenous people we understand better than most the environmental devastation the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline will cause.

Our Tribal Council has taken action to support your Nation by adopting the enclosed resolution which strongly opposes: the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, potentially severe environmental impacts of such pipelines and the complete disregard for the federal trust responsibility which has been shown to your Tribal Nation by the Army Corps of Engineers and indeed by the entire United States Federal Government, as it remains silent to the ongoing situation in North Dakota. We call upon the United States to engage in meaningful government-to-government consultation with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Additionally, we are sending you financial support to assist in the purchase of any supplies necessary for the Sacred Stone Spirit Camp so that the struggle against injustice can endure.

We are appalled by the acts of violence that we have seen wrought upon the peaceful protestors in North Dakota, and are heartbroken by the destruction of the final resting places of your ancestors. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and all the tribes who have gathered together to resist the Dakota Access Pipeline.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Loren Me'-lash-ne Bommelyn".

Loren Me'-lash-ne Bommelyn, Chairperson
On behalf of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Council

***Waa-saa-ghitlh-'a~ Wee-ni Naa-ch'aa-ghitlh-ni
Our Heritage Is Why We Are Strong***



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RESOLUTION 16-36

RESOLUTION OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE

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ADOPTED: September 6, 2016

RESOLUTION SUMMARY: A resolution of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Council, Smith River, California expressing solidarity and support for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in their opposition to the "Dakota Access Pipeline".

Whereas, The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in the Pacific Northwest and organized pursuant to the Constitution of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation that was duly adopted by the members of the Nation; and

Whereas, the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Council is the duly elected governing body of the Nation with the Constitutional duties and responsibilities to preserve, protect, and promote the best interests of the Nation; and

Whereas, the government of the United States of America, including all agencies thereof, has a Trust responsibility to manage tribal lands and tribal cultural and natural resources, including tangible and intangible cultural resources valued by the Tribe wherever such resources may occur, in a manner responsible to the interests of the Tribe and its members; and

Whereas, the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation, located in central North and South Dakota, is home to the Dakota and Lakota people of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe who depend on the life-sustaining waters from Lake Oahe and the Missouri River and whose ancestral remains are protected within their historical territory on and off reservation; and

Whereas, the major oil transmission pipeline, known as the Dakota Access Pipeline, is proposed to carry over a half-million barrels of crude oil from North Dakota, crossing Lake Oahe and the Missouri River, continuing across four states to Illinois; and

Whereas, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, without tribal consultation and despite strong opposition from the Standing Rock Indian Tribe, granted authorization for the Dakota Access Pipeline on July 26, 2016 threatening the Standing Rock Indian Tribe's cultural resources, burial sites, and life-sustaining water resources; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation hereby expresses strong unity, and stands in solidarity with, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and all other affected Missouri River tribes against the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline; and be it further

Resolved, that the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation demands the Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell and the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Lawrence Roberts, uphold the Federal Trust responsibility, engage in meaningful government-to-government consultation, and take any and all necessary steps to protect the cultural, environmental, and water resources of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and community; and be it further

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Resolved, that the Tribal Council of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation does hereby adopt this resolution, and that the Chairperson and Secretary of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Council are hereby authorized to sign this resolution and any and all other documents which are necessary to effectuate the intents and purposes of this resolution.


Loren Me'-lash-ne Bommelyn
Council Chairperson

Date
09-08-2016

 9-8-16
Scott D. Sullivan
Council Secretary

Date

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Council held on the 6th day of September 2016 in Smith River, California, at which five Tribal Council members were present to constitute a quorum, by a vote of 4 **For**, 0 **Opposed**, 1 **Abstentions** and 2 **Absent**, and shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded.


Scott D. Sullivan, Council Secretary

9-8-16
Date