

The Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas

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RESOLUTION # 08-22-16 in

“SUPPORT OF STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE AGAINST CONSTRUCTION OF THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE”

Foreward

The Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas resolves to support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in their opposition to the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, a massive crude oil pipeline which will cross the Missouri River less than a mile upstream of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's reservation, thereby violating the National Historic Preservation Act, the Clean Water Act, and other federal laws since it will destroy sites sacred to the tribe and endanger its drinking water supply.

WHEREAS, the Lipan Apache Tribe (of Texas), a Texas Indian tribe recognized by the legislature of the great State of Texas, is dedicated to preserving the health and well-being of all first Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Lipan Apache Tribe is committed to work with other American Indian Tribes in a spirit of support, cooperation, and friendship to achieve common goals of preserving our indigenous life and land; and

WHEREAS, our Native people have not broken our historical and spiritual connection to ancestral and sacred lands that hold the remains of our ancestors; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota Access Pipeline project, also known as Bakken Oil Pipeline, will extend 1,168 Miles across North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Illinois, crossing through communities, farms, tribal land, sensitive natural areas, and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline will tunnel under Lake Oahe, a large reservoir on the Missouri River about a half mile upstream from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Reservation, thereby imperiling the Tribe's drinking water supply and their way of life; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline travels through the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's ancestral lands threatening burial grounds, sacred sites, and other historically significant areas that would be threatened by the pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers shirked its duty to the American people under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to consult with Native American tribes on projects that stand to affect culturally significant sites; and

WHEREAS, the Army Corps, a federal agency, has ignored NHPA and other federal laws and, rather, fast-tracked the pipeline project in order to meet the pipeline's aggressive construction schedule; and

WHEREAS, in December 2010, the United States recognized the rights of its First Peoples through its support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) with provisions and principles supporting and promoting the purposes of this resolution; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lipan Apache Tribe joins many other tribal governments and organizations who support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline Project; and

RESOLVED, that the Lipan Apache Tribe does hereby express its commitment to the protection of Native sacred and cultural lands; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Lipan Apache Tribe do hereby urge the United States Government to make all appropriate efforts to stop construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, and ensure full transparency and information sharing to the general public of the outcomes of needed environmental assessment and impacts on tribal lands.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted during a special meeting of the Tribal Council of the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas, held with a quorum present via teleconference on this 22nd day of August, 2016.

Bernard F. Barcena, Jr., Chair

Robert Soto, Vice-chair

Juan S. Garcia, Secretary

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