CENTRAL COUNCIL
Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
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Executive Council of the Central Council
TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC/ 16-47

Title: Opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline

WHEREAS, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe of more than 30,000 tribal citizens worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota Access Pipeline LLC has proposed to construct a 1,100 mile pipeline with a capacity of 570,000 barrels of crude oil per day, to cross the Missouri river immediately above the mouth of the Cannonball River on the Standing Rock Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri River tribes relies on the waters of the life giving Missouri River for our continued existence, and the Dakota Access Pipeline poses a serious risk to the very survival of Missouri River tribes; and

WHEREAS, the horizontal direction drilling in the construction of the pipeline would destroy valuable cultural resources of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota Access Pipeline violates Article 2 of the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty which guarantees that the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe shall enjoy the "undisturbed use and occupation" of our permanent homeland; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Dakota Access Pipeline attend a meeting of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council and expressed obliviousness to the jeopardy their quest for oil and gas profits imposes on the treaty lands and traditional territory of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Recent oils spills upstream from the Standing Rock Reservation, including the release of 840,000 gallons of oil near Tioga, North Dakota in October of 2013, 51,000 gallons of oil released into the Yellowstone River upstream from Glendive, Montana, resulting in the shutdown of the community water system for 6,000 residents in January of 2015, as well as the release of 100,000 gallons of tar sand crude in Michigan's Kalamazoo River in July of 2010 demonstrates the danger to downstream communities and fish and wildlife from oil and gas pipelines such as the Dakota Access; and

WHEREAS, Central Council stands in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe as Native American tribes actively fight for the protection of our way of life through environmental intergradation and preservation activism throughout the United States; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Central Council strongly opposes the Dakota Access Pipeline and we offer our full support of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Central Council calls upon the Army Corps of Engineers to reject the river crossing permit for the Dakota Access Pipeline under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Central Council calls upon the Secretary of Interior, as the institutional officer primarily responsible for the implementation of the federal trust responsibility to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to fully exercise the trust responsibility and ensure that the federal government rejects the Dakota Access Pipeline.

ADOPTED this 18th day of August 2016, by the Executive Council of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska by a vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, and 2 absences.

CERTIFY

President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST

Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe