

**RESOLUTION NO. M-1850**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,  
CONCERNING THE STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE'S OPPOSITION TO CONSTRUCTION  
OF THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE.**

WHEREAS, the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) is a 1,168-mile, 30-inch diameter pipeline being developed by Energy Transfer Partners and its affiliates, which would carry as much as 570,000 barrels per day of Bakken crude from western North Dakota to Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the DAPL would run across or beneath 209 rivers, creeks and tributaries, including the Missouri River, which provides drinking water and irrigates agricultural land in communities across the Midwest, serving nearly 10 million people; and

WHEREAS, the DAPL would also run through the ancestral lands and waters reserved for the traditional use of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe by the Treaty of Fort Laramie, including the Missouri River, burial grounds and gravesites, and other sacred sites of cultural, religious, and historical significance; and

WHEREAS, Indian Treaties such as the Treaty of Fort Laramie are recognized by the U.S. Constitution as "the supreme law of the land," and require consultation and cooperation by the United States with its Indian Treaty partner before any federal action is taken that affects Treaty lands, territories, waters or other resources; and

WHEREAS, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978 affirms the need to "protect and preserve for American Indians their inherent right of freedom to believe, express, and exercise the traditional religions," particularly in American Indian sacred places; and

WHEREAS, Washington State recognizes that American Indian burial grounds and historic graves are "a finite, irreplaceable, and nonrenewable cultural resource, and are an intrinsic part of the cultural heritage of the people of Washington" (RCW 27.44.030); and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2015, the City of Olympia issued a proclamation declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Olympia, in recognition of "the systematic racism towards Indigenous people in the United States" and in "honor [of] our nation's indigenous roots, history, and contributions"; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers failed to consult with or obtain the free, prior and informed consent of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, as required by the Treaty of Fort Laramie and other federal and international laws, before issuing a "Mitigated Finding of No Significant Impact" that would result in an easement for horizontal directional drilling for the DAPL; and

WHEREAS, any spill of oil into the Missouri River would irreparably harm the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's Treaty lands, waters, burial grounds, gravesites and other sacred sites of cultural, religious, and historical significance; and spiritual relationships and indigenous ways of life; and

WHEREAS, dozens of city councils and local governments, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, comprised of 59 Indian Nations in the Northwest, and more than 300 federally recognized Indian Nations from across the United States, are among the governmental bodies that have taken formal action to support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and oppose the DAPL;

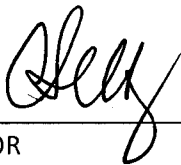
**NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:**

**Section 1.** The City of Olympia supports the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's opposition to construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) across the Tribe's ancestral lands, waters and sacred sites.


**Section 2.** The City of Olympia calls upon the federal government to obtain the free, prior and informed consent of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, prior to taking any federal action regarding the DAPL that would harm or destroy the Tribe's ancestral lands, waters and sacred sites.

**Section 3.** This resolution will be provided to all members of the Washington congressional delegation, Governor Jay Inslee, and the Tribal Councils of all federally recognized tribes with a presence in Thurston County.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 11 day of October 2016.

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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CITY ATTORNEY