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## 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 for more than 1,100 miles from the Bakken oil fields of North Dakota to Illinois, passing over sensitive landscapes including treaty protected land containing recognized cultural resources and across or under 209 rivers, creeks, and tributaries including the pristine Missouri River, which provides drinking water and irrigates agricultural land in communities across the Midwest; and
- WHEREAS: Despite deep opposition from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, as well as farmers, scientists, 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 or Custer's Last Stand, members of the Lakota Standing Rock Sioux Tribe have united with the Oceti Sakowin, the Seven Fires Council - which include the confederation of Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota Nations - and established a peaceful encampment in Cannon Ball, North Dakota known as the Sacred Stones 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 Stones Camp, and
- WHEREAS: Minneapolis is home to the highest concentration of urban American Indian families in the United States and is the birthplace of the American Indian Movement, signifying a legacy of activism and civic engagement which continues to this day as many Minneapolis residents, including youth, and Minnesota Tribal members have been inspired to take action and join the Sacred Stones Camp to protect our environment and mother earth; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Minneapolis understands the importance of recognizing the specific challenges facing the original inhabitants of this land and honoring their contributions symbolized through the adoption of the American Indian Memorandum of Understanding, the observation of the Year of the Dakota in 2013 and the declaration of Indigenous Peoples Day each October;

### **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:**

By the Mayor and City Council of the City of Minneapolis, that we stand in support of the Indigenous opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline and we call on all residents of Minneapolis to raise awareness about this important struggle for Indigenous sovereignty and environmental justice and to support the Sacred Stones Camp efforts in any way they can.

Adopted by Council this Nineteenth Day of August 2016 A.D.

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BARBARA A. JOHNSON, *President of City Council*

APPROVED:

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BETSY HODGES, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

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CASEY JOE CARL, *City Clerk*