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Committee on Health and Environmental Protection

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The ArrrV^Corps of Engineers has granted the Energy Transfer Partners crude oil company permission to begin construction ofthe Dakota Access pipeline using a controversial fast-tracking process called "Nationwide Permit 12" which allows construction to occur on private property or Native American lands with little environmental review and no meaningful public input; and

WHEREAS, The Standing Rock Sioux Indian Tribe is directly affected by this construction as it would disturb sacred burial grounds and potentially contaminate the only source of fresh water for the tribe; and

WHEREAS, The Dakota Access pipeline would carry nearly a half-million barrels of crude oil daily from North Dakota's oil fields through South Dakota and Iowa to an existing pipeline in Patoka, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, If the Dakota Access pipeline where to rupture it could pollute the local drinking water, including Lake Oahe and the Missouri River; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2016 the administration of President Barack Obama took action to temporarily halt the construction of the Dakota Access pipeline;

WHEREAS, The Standing Rock Sioux Indian Tribe is demanding a permanent halt on construction of the Dakota Access pipeline; and

WHEREAS, The human rights of Native Americans need to be respected, whether it be the right to clean water, the right to worship, or the right to land; and

WHEREAS, As a society we must begin to lessen our dependence on fossil fuels and move towards renewable energy resources; and

WHEREAS, As a nation we need to take every precaution possible to ensure that our environment and natural resources such as fresh water are protected; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members ofthe Chicago City Council, stand in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Tribe of North Dakota, support their right to engage in peaceful protest, and support the Obama administration's action halting the construction of the Dakota Access pipeline; and

Alderman, 35th Ward

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Chicago will not engage in business relations with the Energy Transfers crude oil company until such time that the company respects the rights of Native Americans and acts in a responsible and just manner to protect our environment and natural resources.

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