

37TH NATIONAL INDIAN & NATIVE AMERICAN EMPLOYMENT / PUBLIC LAW 102-477 TRAINING Reno, Nevada August 25, 2016

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-04

Support for Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Nation

We, the Indian and Native American Grantees of the National Indian and Native American Employment and Training/477 Conference (NINAETC) attending the 37th Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and the several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Native people, to preserve Indian and Native cultural values, and otherwise promote the welfare of the Indian and Native people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the NINAETC are the representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, the NINAETC is a national organization comprised of American Indians, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of NINAETC; and

WHEREAS, the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association, comprised of the principal leaders of the 16 tribal nations in North Dakota, South Dakota & Nebraska, has passed a resolution of opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) on September 10, 2015, which is an oil line in North Dakota under construction and will pass under the Missouri River or Oahe Reservoir north of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Nation's border; and

WHEREAS, Some 2,700 Citizens & Allies of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Nation have gathered in peaceful protest against the construction of the 1,100 mile oil line just North of the Cannonball River, which is the northern border of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, The Citizen & Friends of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Nation are concerned that potential leakage of oil contaminants will endanger all human, animal and plant life downstream from the pipeline under the Missouri River; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline will carry as much as 570,000 barrels of crude oil daily under the Missouri River and immediately above the mouth of the Cannonball River, and the reservation border, and the Tribes in the region have relied on drinking water from the Missouri for thousand o years; and

WHEREAS, The Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Nation has filed a lawsuit in opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline, and is seeking a Federal Court Injunction to stop construction of the pipeline and such requested action will be heard by the Washington, D. C. District Court on September 8, 2016; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the 37th National Indian & Native American Employment & Training Conference does hereby support the Peaceful Protest by some 2,700 First American and Friends and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Nation's law suit to stop the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline in their effort to preserve & protect the lives of human beings, animals and plant life below the point of entry beneath the Missouri River or Oahe Reservoir.

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CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 37th Annual National Indian and Native American Employment and Training/477 Conference, held at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, Reno, Nevada, on August 25, 2016 with a quorum present.

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