

**The Urban Native Education Alliance
Clear Sky Native Youth Leadership Council
Stand with Standing Rock Resolution 2017**

WHEREAS, We the members of the Urban Native Education Alliance (UNEA) Clear Sky Native Youth Council, and Native Warriors Athletics invoking the blessings of the Creator in all our efforts and purposes to preserve Native cultural values, promote the health, safety and wellbeing of all Native people; do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, Clear Sky Native Youth Leadership Council was established in 2008, remains youth centered, and youth driven program of UNEA that strives in building confidence, self-esteem and knowledge to strengthen tribal identity and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, Native Warrior Athletics, another program of UNEA supports a holistic approach to health and wellness through emphasizing team work; cultural and tribal identity, and traditional Native values; and

WHEREAS, UNEA has served our urban intertribal communities since 2008, and we are committed to all causes that strengthen the health and wellbeing of our families and nations; and

WHEREAS, we honor our nation's indigenous roots, history, and contributions; and

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 579,000 barrels per day to 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, Articles, 11, 12, and 25 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP), as endorsed by the United States in 2010, affirms that indigenous peoples, like the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe possess the right to maintain and protect their culture, religion, practices, and relationship with their "traditionally owned or otherwise occupied and used lands, territories [and] waters"; and

WHEREAS, the earth's average temperature has risen by 1.5°F over the past century, and is projected to rise another 0.5 to 8.6°F over the next hundred years. Human activities have released large amounts of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Most greenhouse gases come from burning fossil fuels to produce energy, DAPL will only contribute to more climate change for us and future generations to contend with; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, UNEA and Clear Sky Leadership Council stand in support of 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UNEA and Clear Sky Leadership Council will educate and advocate for the importance of clean water for the environment and for indigenous people's treaty rights for traditional use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UNEA and Clear Sky Leadership Council stand for a just transition from extraction industries to renewable and sustainable resource use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UNEA and Clear Sky Leadership Council will commit to using fewer finite and non-sustainable resources and educate others how to lessen their carbon footprint; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of UNEA until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolutions.

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