

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-93**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Mayor Javier M. Gonzales

6 Councilor Signe I. Lindell

7 Councilor Renee D. Villarreal

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **SUPPORTING THE PEACEFUL PROTEST IN NORTH DAKOTA AGAINST THE DAKOTA**
12 **ACCESS PIPELINE TO PROTECT TREATY RIGHTS, SOVEREIGNTY AND NATURAL**
13 **RESOURCES AND APPLAUDING THE ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO REROUTE**
14 **THE PROJECT AND CONDUCT A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.**

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16 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe honors its Native American neighbors, and values the
17 contribution and great significance of First Nations Indigenous Peoples to our cultural and historical
18 landscape; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe recognizes the importance of Tribal Sovereignty and
20 the necessity for respectful Tribal Consultation, Communication, and Cooperation when it comes to
21 matters of mutual concern and interest, including protection of the environment and natural resources,
22 to the benefit of all citizens; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe recognizes that rich and vibrant cultural diversity is the
24 hallmark of our community and our nation; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe holds in the highest esteem positive and productive

1 Government-to-Government relationships with Tribal Nations and Leadership; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe recognizes the paramount importance of not disturbing,
3 desecrating, or destroying Native American cultural and sacred sites, including ancestral burial
4 grounds, and other significant items important to religious traditions and practices; and

5 **WHEREAS**, The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe took a courageous stand to defend their Tribe's
6 water supplies, ancestral lands, and cultural sites as well as their rights under the National
7 Environmental Protection Act, the Clean Water Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the
8 Fort Laramie Treaties of 1851 & 1868, in July, 2016 against the proposed route of the 1,100 mile
9 Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) that would have transported up to 570,000 barrels of fracked crude
10 oil per day under the Missouri River at Lake Oahe threatening the Standing Rock Sioux's primary
11 water supply, Native American ancestral lands and cultural sites, human health, and the greater
12 Missouri River ecosystem; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the call for solidarity from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe "Water Protector"
14 peaceful and prayerful camps was answered by more than 300 tribal nations and communities across
15 the United States including the All Pueblo Council from New Mexico, the Navajo Nation, and
16 thousands of New Mexican supporters and allies inspired to send resources to Standing Rock, take
17 part in solidarity actions, and lend their hands to protect clean water, human health and safety, and
18 safeguard the environment; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe applauds the Obama administration, Department of Justice,
20 and Army Corps of Engineer's decision to pause the pipeline to conduct further consultation with the
21 Standing Rock Sioux and the resulting December 4, 2016 decision by the Department of the Army to
22 deny the easement to route the pipeline under Lake Oahe and stop the project until the completion of
23 an Environmental Impact Statement can be completed to assess alternative paths for the pipeline,
24 including cessation.

25 **WHEREAS**, Energy Transfer Partners has issued a statement asserting their commitment to

1 complete the project regardless of the permitting process

2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe finds the destruction of Native American ancestral lands,
3 cultural items, and sacred sites by Energy Transfer Partners and its associates deplorable and
4 unconscionable; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe questions the safety and legality of any project that threatens
6 sacred sites, the drinking water of thousands and;

7 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe recognizes that fracking accidents, pipeline oil spills, and
8 excessive greenhouse gas emissions have already caused, in many cases across our nation and globe,
9 irreparable harm, health hazards, and damage, and any further offenses should be mitigated, with
10 alternative energy resources preferred whenever possible; and

11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
12 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that:

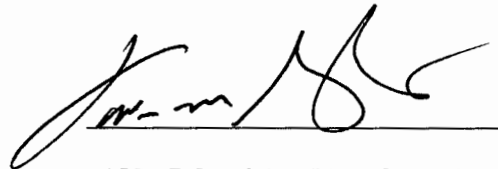
- 13 1. The City of Santa Fe extends its congratulations and gratitude to the Standing Rock Sioux
14 Tribe, Chairman David Archambault, and many other Native American spiritual leaders
15 and clergy across the nation for protecting its waters, people, lands, and culture, from the
16 dangers of the Dakota Access Pipeline, and remaining steadfast in their peaceful and
17 prayerful stance even in the face of the threatening and violent tactics of the Energy
18 Transfer Partners and those assisting the corporation in bringing intimidation and harm to
19 peaceful and prayerful protestors.
- 20 2. The City of Santa Fe vehemently opposes putting corporate financial interests and crude
21 oil production ahead of human and civil rights, and tribal rights and treaties, as a policy of
22 U.S. government on any level.
- 23 3. The City of Santa Fe calls on local financial institutions to divest from the Dakota Access
24 Pipeline Project and invest instead in life-supporting projects and renewable energy
25 projects.

1 4. The City of Santa Fe condemns any agency of law enforcement or military involved in
2 implementing militarized "tactics of war and terror" on U.S. soil, including use of excessive
3 force, violence and intimidation, including use of mace, rubber bullets, batons, vicious
4 dogs, sound weapons, concussion cannons, water cannons in subfreezing temperatures,
5 hooding, disruption of ceremonial religious activities, and unrelenting aerial surveillance,
6 on those who are peacefully protesting with the intention of protecting land, water, and
7 other natural resources, for future generations.

8 5. The City of Santa Fe urgently recommends that, as a precedent for the future, the abuses
9 and human, civil, and tribal rights violations that have occurred to the Standing Rock Sioux
10 Tribe and "Water Protectors" to date never be repeated and for reparations to be made to
11 prevent further harm and trauma to innocent citizens who have already suffered enough.

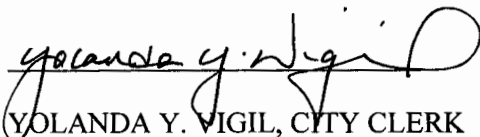
12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe celebrates
13 the victory of the peaceful protest in North Dakota against the Dakota Access Pipe Line to protect treaty
14 rights, sovereignty and natural resources. Mni Wiconi. Agua es la vida. Water is Life.

15 PASSED APPROVED and ADOPTED this 14th day of December, 2016.

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18 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

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20 ATTEST:

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23 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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25 *M/Legislation/Resolutions 2016/2016-93 Standing Rock Support*