



## **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE**

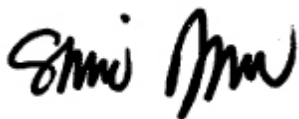
### **National American Indian Housing Council Board of Directors Resolution #2016- 03**

- WHEREAS, The National American Indian Housing Council represents the housing interests of American Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, and native Hawaiian Home Lands and more than 277 tribally designated housing entities providing housing services to approximately 466 tribes, Alaska Natives, and native Hawaiians; and
- WHEREAS, The stated purpose of the organization is to promote advocacy for policy and legislative changes that will favorably impact our primary goals of providing culturally relevant and quality affordable housing for Native people in a manner recognizing the unique government-to-government relationship of tribes and the federal government; and
- WHEREAS, The Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council, pursuant to the amended Constitution of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is empowered to negotiate with Federal, State and local governments and others on behalf of the Sioux Tribe, and is further empowered to promote and protect the health, education and general welfare of the members of the Sioux Tribe and to administer such services that may contribute to the social and economic advancement of the Sioux Tribe and its members, and is further empowered to authorize and direct subordinate boards, committees or Tribal Officials to administer the affairs of the Sioux Tribe and to carry out the directives of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council; and is empowered to manage, protect and preserve the property of the Sioux Tribe and natural resources of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is a signatory to the Treaty of Fort Laramie of 1851 [II Stat. 749], and the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868 [ 15 Stat. 635]; and WHEREAS, Article 2 of the Treaty of fort Laramie of 1868 provides for the "undisturbed use and occupation" of the Great Sioux Reservation; and The Dakota Access Pipeline LLC has proposed to construct a 1,100 mile pipeline with a capacity of 570,000 barrels of crude oil per day, to cross the Missouri River immediately above the mouth of Cannonball River on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation; and the Dakota Access Pipeline threatens public health and welfare on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in which they depend on the waters of the life-giving Missouri River for our continued existence, and the Dakota Access Pipeline poses a serious risk to Mni Sose and to the very survival of the Standing Rock Reservation crossing Lake Oahe and the Missouri River thereby disturbing burial grounds and sacred sites on ancestral treaty lands; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National American Indian Housing Council stands in support with the Standing Rock Sioux Nation throughout its assertion of tribal rights and sovereignty and their efforts to protect their tribal lands, water and natural resources.**

### **CERTIFICATION**

**As the duly appointed Secretary for the National American Indian Housing Council, I hereby certify that Board of Director Resolution #2016-03 was adopted by the NAIHC Board of Directors on August 25, 2016.**



---

Sami Jo Difuntorum, Chairwoman



---

Linda Alvarez, Secretary