

Resolution No: \_\_\_\_ of 2016

**THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ  
TOWN BOARD**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
<b>Supervisor Bettez</b>				
<b>Deputy Supervisor Torres</b>				
<b>Councilman Irwin</b>				
<b>Councilman Logan</b>				
<b>Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis</b>				

The following was presented

By \_\_\_\_\_

Sec'd by \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Adoption 10/20/2016

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ  
EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS RESISTANCE TO THE DAKOTA  
ACCESS PIPELINE**

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline would carry as many as 570,000 barrels of fracked crude oil per day for more than 1,100 miles from the Bakken oil fields of North Dakota to Illinois, passing over sensitive landscapes including treaty protected land containing recognized cultural resources and across or under 209 rivers, creeks, and tributaries including the pristine Missouri River, which provides drinking water and irrigates agricultural land in communities across the Midwest;

**WHEREAS**, despite deep opposition from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, as well as farmers, scientists, more than 30 environmental advocacy groups, and other Tribal nations along the proposed route, and without Tribal consultation or meaningful environmental review as required by federal law, in July, 2016 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a permit allowing construction of the fracked oil pipeline to move forward;

**WHEREAS**, in a show of monumental cooperation not seen in the 140 years since the Battle of the Greasy Grass or Custer’s Last Stand, members of the Lakota Standing Rock Sioux Tribe have united with the Oceti Sakowin, the Seven Fires Council - which include the confederation of Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota Nations - and established a peaceful encampment in Cannon Ball, North Dakota known as the Sacred Stones Camp to resist the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline with a cultural and spiritual presence;

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**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Paltz, with its rich history of the Esopus People of the Lenni-Lenapi Nations, understands the importance of recognizing the specific challenges facing the original inhabitants of this land; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 15, 2012, the Town of New Paltz passed legislation prohibiting natural gas and/or oil exploration and extraction, recognizing the possibility of fracked gas and petroleum contaminating our water and air;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor and the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz stand in support of the Indigenous opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline, commends President Obama for temporarily halting the project, and calls upon the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to revoke all permits allowing construction of the fracked oil pipeline; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Supervisor and the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz urge all residents of to raise awareness about this important struggle for Indigenous sovereignty and environmental justice and to support the Sacred Stones Camp efforts in any peaceful means possible.