## RESOLUTION NO. 250-16

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is an unincorporated Tribe of Indians, having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, with the exception of Section 16; and the recognized governing body of the Tribe is known as the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council, pursuant to the amended Constitution of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Article IV, Section 1[c], 1[k], and 1[m], to promote and protect the health, education and general welfare of the members of the Tribe; to administer any funds within the control of the Tribe; and, to engage in any business that will further the economic development of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, Standing Rock Sioux tribe is the steward of sacred lands and water within Treaty Territory to protect for the future generation of their people; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Rock Sioux people have actively opposed a massive crude oil pipeline that threatens our lives, livelihoods and land we have called home since time immemorial for two years. The confluence of the Missouri and Cannonball Rivers in North Dakota is sacred ground for the people of Standing Rock. We have sacred stories, sacred objects and a history of ceremony here. We have ancestors buried on the land. It is also a place of peace where we could meet with other Nations to pray and trade; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota Access Pipeline, has considered a route proposes to cross the Missouri River at Lake Oahe less than a mile upstream of the Tribe's reservation boundary. A spill or leak at the crossing would disable the reservation's sole drinking water intake, and would cause extreme economic, environmental, and cultural harm to the Tribe approve the Dakota Access Pipeline, capable of carrying 570,000 barrels of crude oil a day, which would cut through the heart of this area just a few yards outside the border of our reservation. The pipeline would cross underneath the Missouri River, which is the cultural, economic, and spiritual lifeblood of our people. An oil spill in the Missouri would be devastating; and

WHEREAS, in the wake Dakota Access Pipeline the Sacred Stone Camp was established which over sees the confluence of the Missouri and Cannonball on April 1, 2016, to oppose the Dakota Access Pipeline. The Sacred Stone Camp was developed to pray and protect the water for future generations. The camp is run by donations that support the camp functions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe supports the establishment of the Sacred Stone Camp on confluence of the Missouri and Cannonball River; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Secretary of the Tribal Council are hereby authorized and instructed to sign this resolution for and on behalf of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

## CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, Chairman and Secretary of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of [17] members, of whom <u>13</u> constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held on the <u>08<sup>th</sup></u> day of JUNE, 2016, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of <u>11</u> members, with <u>0</u> opposing, and with <u>2</u> not voting. THE CHAIRMAN'S VOTE IS NOT REQUIRED EXCEPT IN CASE OF A TIE.

DATED THIS 08th DAY OF JUNE, 2016.

ATTEST:

Dave Archambault II, Chairman Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

Adele M. White, Secretary Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

[OFFICIAL TRIBAL SEAL]