

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING ALL TWENTY-THREE NATIVE AMERICAN NEW MEXICO  
3 NATIONS, TRIBES AND PUEBLOS' SUPPORT FOR THE STANDING ROCK  
4 SIOUX TRIBE IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE  
5 AND FOR ALL INHERENT TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY RIGHTS, WATER RIGHTS  
6 AND TREATY RIGHTS FOR INDIAN TRIBES IN THE UNITED STATES.  
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8 WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation; the all pueblo council of  
9 governors, composed of Ohkay Owingeh and the Pueblos of  
10 Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Picuris,  
11 Pojoaque, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Sandia, Santa Ana,  
12 Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Zia, Zuni and  
13 Ysleta del Sur in Texas; and the Jicarilla Apache Nation,  
14 Mescalero Apache Tribe and Fort Sill Apache Tribe each have  
15 the sovereign authority to govern its own affairs; and

16 WHEREAS, the twenty-three New Mexico nations, tribes and  
17 pueblos have the inherent right to fully exercise their  
18 sovereign powers over their lands, waters and treaty rights,  
19 and they support all tribes across the United States in their  
20 exercise of those same rights; and

21 WHEREAS, there is no natural resource that is greater or  
22 more precious to the twenty-three New Mexico nations, tribes  
23 and pueblos and Native American tribes in the United States  
24 than water; and

25 WHEREAS, the Dakota access pipeline crosses the precious

1 water that flows through the Missouri and Cannonball rivers,  
2 which is sacred and vital to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
3 reservation and affects the health and welfare of tribal  
4 members and millions of United States citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation stands in solidarity with the  
6 Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to protect the land, water, air and  
7 resources for future generations; and

8 WHEREAS, the all pueblo council of governors has passed  
9 a resolution in full support of the Standing Rock Sioux  
10 Tribe's opposition to the Dakota access pipeline and requests  
11 a serious discussion on nationwide reform with respect to  
12 considering all tribes' views on infrastructure projects; a  
13 discussion on the protection of tribal lands and resources;  
14 and meaningful government-to-government consultations  
15 regarding treaty rights; and

16 WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Tribe recognizes the  
17 inherent right of nations, tribes and pueblos to protect  
18 their natural resources, their tribal citizens and to speak  
19 up when tribal sovereignty is ignored; and

20 WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Tribe recognizes the  
21 importance of clean water and its gift of life, not only for  
22 those present but also for future generations; and

23 WHEREAS, the Jicarilla Apache Nation stands in  
24 solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the  
25 protection of its sacred lands and waters and recognizes that

1 the Missouri river is sacred just as the Rio Grande is sacred  
2 in New Mexico; and

3 WHEREAS, the United States army corps of engineers and  
4 other authorities with the permitting authority for the  
5 Dakota access pipeline have failed to complete meaningful  
6 consultation to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and other  
7 tribes in considering the impacts on the Standing Rock Sioux  
8 Tribe reservation and its people, which is a violation of  
9 environmental assessment requirements and consultation  
10 requirements set forth in federal law;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico's twenty-three Native  
13 American nations, tribes and pueblos hereby support the  
14 Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in protection of their sacred lands  
15 and burial grounds and who are requesting the prosecution of  
16 those who have desecrated the sacred ancestral sites in the  
17 area; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico's twenty-three  
19 Native American nations, tribes and pueblos fully support the  
20 Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in opposition to the Dakota access  
21 pipeline and call upon the federal administration to take the  
22 steps necessary to halt the Dakota access pipeline; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal administration  
24 ensure that the need for a serious discussion on nationwide  
25 reform with respect to considering all tribes' views on

1 infrastructure projects and the protection of tribal lands,  
2 resources and treaty rights is addressed in meaningful  
3 government-to-government consultations; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
5 transmitted to the president of the United States, the  
6 New Mexico congressional delegation, New Mexico's  
7 twenty-three Native American nations, tribes and pueblos and  
8 the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. \_\_\_\_\_

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