



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #16-75
AUGUST 24, 2016

RESOLUTION

Whereas, The Pawnee Business Council is the supreme governing body of the Pawnee Nation and is authorized to conduct business on behalf of the Pawnee Nation in accordance with Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the Pawnee Nation Constitution and By-Laws; and

Whereas, The Pawnee Business Council met in special session on August 24, 2016, at the Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Building, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and

Whereas, It is the cultural and essential nature of the Pawnee Nation to protect its irreplaceable natural resources, while at the same time, balancing the need of providing those resources to the modern world; and

Whereas, the Pawnee Nation recognizes that transporting these resources across the United States poses difficulties and challenges to the safety of our natural resources; and

Whereas, the Pawnee Nation recognizes that rivers, creeks, lakes, aquifers, and streams not only serve the local community and environment it also provides drinking water for the surrounding and downstream communities that must be remembered anytime decisions affecting those waters are made; and

Whereas, the Pawnee Nation, having reviewed the material of the situation in Standing Rock, related to the Dakota Access Pipeline, believes that the federal government, has failed in its obligations to the citizens of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe by not clearly identifying the impact of the proposed pipeline, entering into proper government-to-government negotiations, and failing to address the legitimate concerns raised by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; and

Whereas, the needs of all tribes and their communities are equally as important as other communities and have been disregarded when identifying the pipeline route when the route was changed to mitigate environmental concerns regarding water resources to the City of Bismarck while not giving the same thoughts and concerns to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and community; and

Whereas, the Pawnee Nation believes that meaningful government-to-government consultations that reflect the sovereignty of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and protect its interest in protecting its community did not take place in contradiction to the treaty obligations and trust responsibilities held by the federal government.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Pawnee Business Council does hereby support the efforts of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in opposing the issuance of permits, construction, and location of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Pawnee Business Council supports the efforts of all citizens, tribal and non-tribal, to voice their opinions in protests against said failures by the federal government in keeping with the principles of the Pawnee Nation Constitution and United States Constitution.

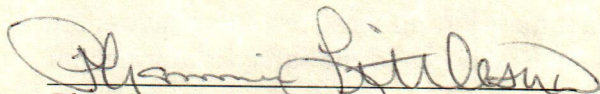
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Pawnee Nation Business Council requests that the Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell and the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Lawrence Roberts take any and all necessary steps to protect the natural resources of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe while reaffirming its trust responsibilities and recognizing the sovereignty of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to protect its resources from unnecessary harm caused by the transportation of oil and gas through its ancestral grounds.

CERTIFICATION

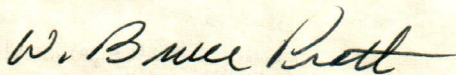
I, Phammie Littlesun, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Special Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 24th day of August 2016 and that the Pawnee Business Council is composed of eight members of whom 8 were present, 0 absent, compromising a quorum, and the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 not voting.

Signed this 24th day of August 2016

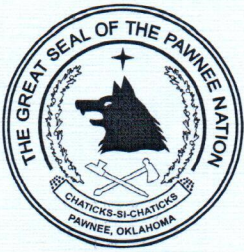
ATTEST:



Phammie Littlesun, Secretary
Pawnee Nation Business Council



W. Bruce Pratt, President
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Nowa,

Atius Tirawa created the first Pawnee, a girl, many years ago on land that is today contained within the boundaries of the United States of America. Our ancestors protected the resources they had so that future generations would have access to the clean water, plentiful game, and varieties of crops necessary to support a thriving community. The Pawnee Business Council is the rightful heir and owner of the responsibilities passed down from generation to generation. Because of that, the Pawnee Business Council states the following:

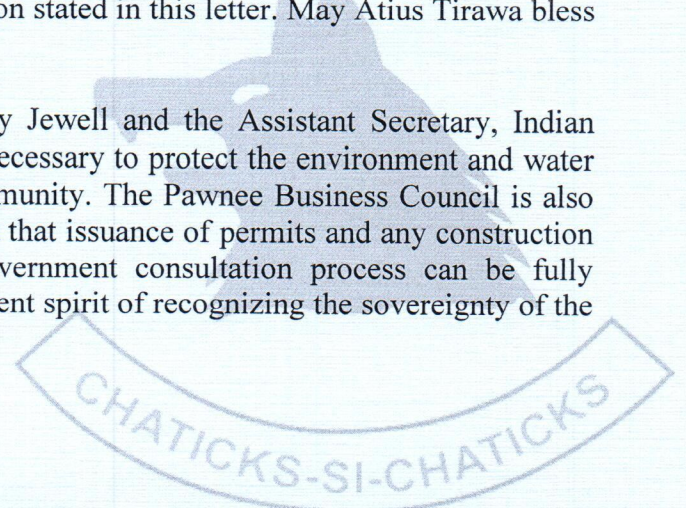
The Pawnee Business Council has adopted Resolution #16-75 Objecting to the Construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline and Support of Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is currently fighting to keep a pipeline from going through their homelands. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved a pipeline across the Missouri River that would impact the tribe's main source of water.

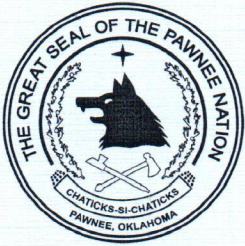
The Pawnee Nation, having reviewed the materials related to the Dakota Access Pipeline believes that the federal government has failed in its responsibilities to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and community by failing to clearly identify the impact of the proposed pipeline, to clearly and publicly engage in government-to-government consultations with the tribe, and by failing to address the concerns raised by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

The many peaceful demonstrations, ceremonies and events call attention to this issue by tribes from across the continent and reflect the growing concerns that our communities are not as valuable as others. These demonstrators are exercising their fundamental right to voice their concerns and the Pawnee Nation supports them.

The Pawnee Nation will stand firm on their resolution to support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe as they fight the construction of this pipeline. Recently our Nasharo (Chiefs) Council has sent two of our Chiefs to the demonstration to reinforce our position stated in this letter. May Atius Tirawa bless them and keep them safe.

The Nation urges the Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell and the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Lawrence Roberts, to take any and all steps necessary to protect the environment and water resources of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and community. The Pawnee Business Council is also requesting they review this series of actions and direct that issuance of permits and any construction be halted until such time as the government-to-government consultation process can be fully implemented not only as to the processes but the inherent spirit of recognizing the sovereignty of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.





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The Pawnee Nation is a collection of strong families built on a foundation of shared cultural, traditional, and historical values. The Pawnee Nation seeks to strengthen and protect our people, reclaim our land and enhance the environment by exercising our sovereignty. This resolution supports our mission and vision as Pawnee, as it does the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, for the same mission to protect the land that gave birth to our two great peoples.

With firm resolve,

W. Bruce Pratt, President

Darrell J. Wildcat, Vice President

Phammie Littlesun, Secretary

M. Angela Thompson, Treasurer

Sammye Adson, First Council Seat

Dawna Hare, Second Council Seat

Adrian Spottedhorsechief, Third Council Seat

Liana Chapman Teter, Fourth Council Seat

