

PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON
CLEAN ENERGY, CLEAN WATER, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Expressing support of the Standing Rock Sioux and their efforts to protect their land, water, and cultural resources for all.

WHEREAS, the Dakota Access Pipeline began commercial service on June 1, 2017 and transports crude oil from North Dakota to Illinois, traveling across or under aquifers, lakes, rivers, and tributaries, including the Missouri River; and

WHEREAS, the protection of natural resources is of critical importance to our citizens and many others; and

WHEREAS, the City is geographically situated on the Missouri River and since approximately half of Missourians receive their drinking water from the Missouri River the City has a concern for those communities worried about the protection of their critical drinking water sources; and

WHEREAS, transitioning to clean and renewable energy sources is consistent with the City's renewable energy portfolio ordinance, as well as initiatives that the City has signed on in support of including the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2016, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council called on people around the world to issue resolutions in support of the Standing Rock Sioux and their efforts to protect their land, water, and cultural resources, resulting in many responses, the historic and prophetic gathering known as Standing Rock and ongoing efforts to secure clean water for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbia City Council stands in support of the Standing Rock Sioux and their efforts to protect their land, water, and cultural resources.