



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

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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:

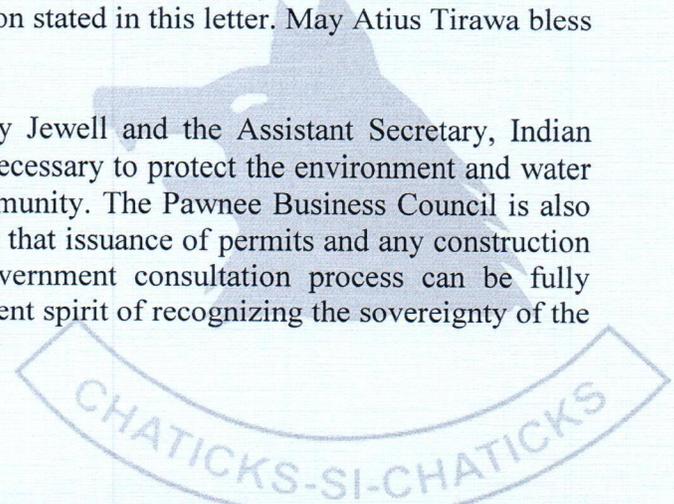
The Pawnee Business Council has adopted Resolution #16-75 Objecting to the Construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline and Support of Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is currently fighting to keep a pipeline from going through their homelands. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved 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.



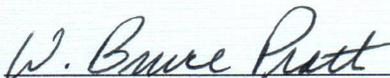


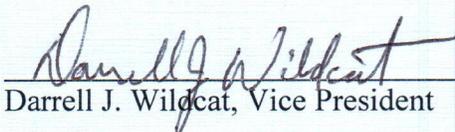
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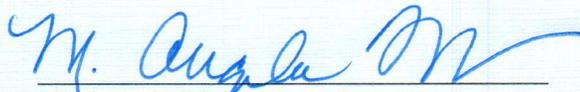
The Pawnee Nation is a collection of strong families built on a foundation of shared cultural, traditional, and historical values. The Pawnee Nation seeks to strengthen and protect our people, reclaim our land and enhance the environment by exercising our sovereignty. This resolution supports our mission 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.

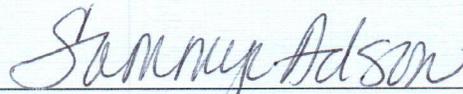
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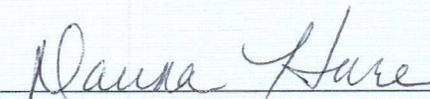

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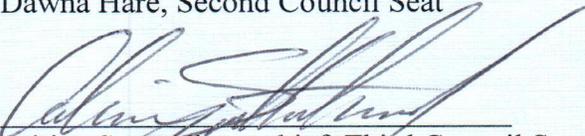

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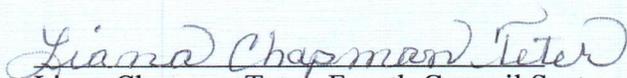

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