



# 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.

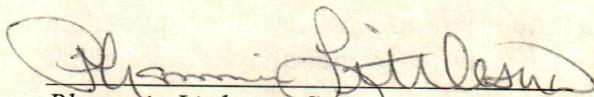
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Pawnee Nation Business Council requests that the Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell and the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Lawrence Roberts take any and all necessary steps to protect the natural resources of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe while reaffirming its 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

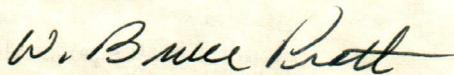
I, Phammie Littlesun, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Special Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016 and that the Pawnee Business Council is composed of eight members of whom 8 were present, 0 absent, compromising a quorum, and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

*Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016*

ATTEST:



Phammie Littlesun, Secretary  
Pawnee Nation Business Council



W. Bruce Pratt, President  
Pawnee Nation Business Council