

**Resolution to Adopt and Support the Democratic National Committee (DNC)
Resolution Opposing the Construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline**

A RESOLUTION the Arizona Democratic Party to adopt and support the following Democratic National Committee "Resolution Opposing the Construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline" that was unanimous passed by the DNC Executive Committee on December 3, 2016 in Denver, Colorado.

DNC Resolution Opposing the Construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline

WHEREAS, the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) is a 1,172 mile pipeline being constructed to carry up to 570,000 barrels per day of Bakken crude oil from North Dakota to Southern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, construction of DAPL may threaten significant sacred, cultural and historic sites of great importance to the original tribal inhabitants of the Great Plains; and

WHEREAS, DAPL poses an increased risk to the water supply of millions of Americans who depend on the Missouri River for drinking water and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, DAPL has been opposed by Tribal Nations, tribal organizations, and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; and

WHEREAS, peaceful protestors of DAPL have been harassed by law enforcement and private contractors armed with military vehicles, automatic weapons, attack dogs, water cannons, and tear gas in a militarized response that has injured elders, children and peaceful protesters; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee stands in support of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the entire great Sioux Nation in its opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline and calls for the denial of any and all permits being sought for final approval for construction of DAPL; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee remains fully committed to protecting tribal sacred, cultural and historic sites and will always work with American Indian and Alaskan Native people and tribal governments to protect tribal sovereignty and tribal lands for all future generations.

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