



*Poarch Creek Indian
Tribal Council Resolution
TCR 2016-122*

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE IN
OPPOSITION OF THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE**

WHEREAS, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian tribe organized pursuant to 25 CFR, Part 83;

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4(D) of the Constitution authorizes the Tribal Council to manage, lease, permit, or otherwise deal with tribal lands, interest in lands, or other tribal assets and purchase of otherwise acquired lands or interest in lands;

WHEREAS, the Dakota Access Pipeline, LLC (“Dakota Access Pipeline”) has proposed to construct a 1,100 mile pipeline with a capacity of 570,000 barrels of crude oil per day, to cross the Missouri River immediately above the mouth of the Cannon Ball River on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation;

WHEREAS, recent oil spills demonstrate the danger to downstream communities and fish and wildlife from oil and gas pipelines such as Dakota Access Pipeline;

WHEREAS, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians believes that streams, rivers, and lakes not only serve the local environment it also provides drinking water for the surrounding and downstream communities that must be kept in mind in all decisions affecting those waters;

WHEREAS, the Dakota Access Pipeline also threatens the integrity of sacred sites and historic and archaeological resources;

WHEREAS, the needs of tribes and tribal communities have been disregarded when identifying the pipeline route;

WHEREAS, under treaties and under Executive Order 13175 on Government-to-Government Consultation, the approval of the Dakota Access Pipeline is a significant action requiring consultation with all affected tribes;

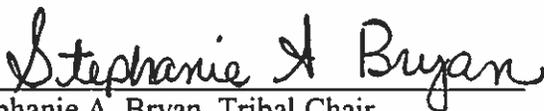
WHEREAS, based on the review of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians of the proposed pipeline and the activities surrounding approvals of permits and applications, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians believes that neither the requirements of government-to-government consultation nor the spirit of governments working together inherent in those consultation processes has been met; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to assist the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in their opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Poarch Band of Creek Indians does hereby support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in opposing the issuance of permits, construction, and the location of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

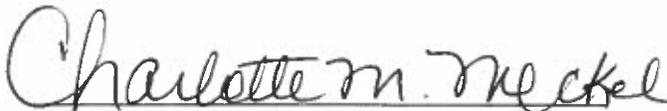
APPROVAL

I, the Tribal Chairman of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, hereby affix my signature to the resolution authorizing it to become official this 24th day of August, 2016.


Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair
Poarch Band of Creek Indians

CERTIFICATION

I, the Secretary of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate reflection of the polling of the Tribal Council of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, conducted in accordance with Article 4, Section 4 of the Tribal Council Bylaws, by a vote of 8 in favor, and 0 against, 0 abstentions, consenting to the polling, and a vote of 8 in favor, and 0 against, 0 abstentions, consenting to the action, on the 24th day of August, 2016.


Charlotte M. Meckel, Tribal Secretary
Poarch Band of Creek Indians