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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 RECOGNIZING ALL TWENTY-THREE NATIVE AMERICAN NEW MEXICO
12 NATIONS, TRIBES AND PUEBLOS' SUPPORT FOR THE STANDING ROCK
13 SIOUX TRIBE IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE
14 AND FOR ALL INHERENT TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY RIGHTS, WATER RIGHTS
15 AND TREATY RIGHTS FOR INDIAN TRIBES IN THE UNITED STATES.
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17 WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation; the all pueblo council of
18 governors, composed of Ohkay Owingeh and the Pueblos of Acoma,
19 Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Picuris, Pojoaque, San
20 Felipe, San Ildefonso, Sandia, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo
21 Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Zia, Zuni and Ysleta del Sur in Texas;
22 and the Jicarilla Apache Nation, Mescalero Apache Tribe and
23 Fort Sill Apache Tribe each have the sovereign authority to
24 govern its own affairs; and

25 WHEREAS, the twenty-three New Mexico nations, tribes and

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1 pueblos have the inherent right to fully exercise their
2 sovereign powers over their lands, waters and treaty rights,
3 and they support all tribes across the United States in their
4 exercise of those same rights; and

5 WHEREAS, there is no natural resource that is greater or
6 more precious to the twenty-three New Mexico nations, tribes
7 and pueblos and Native American tribes in the United States
8 than water; and

9 WHEREAS, the Dakota access pipeline threatens the precious
10 water that flows through the Missouri and Cannonball rivers,
11 which is sacred and vital to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
12 reservation and affects the health and welfare of tribal
13 members and millions of United States citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation stands in solidarity with the
15 Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to protect the land, water, air and
16 resources for future generations; and

17 WHEREAS, the all pueblo council of governors has passed a
18 resolution in full support of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's
19 opposition to the Dakota access pipeline and requests a serious
20 discussion on nationwide reform with respect to considering all
21 tribes' views on infrastructure projects; a discussion on the
22 protection of tribal lands and resources; and meaningful
23 government-to-government consultations regarding treaty rights;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Tribe recognizes the

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1 inherent right of nations, tribes and pueblos to protect their
2 natural resources, their tribal citizens and to speak up when
3 tribal sovereignty is ignored; and

4 WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Tribe recognizes the
5 importance of clean water and its gift of life, not only for
6 those present but also for future generations; and

7 WHEREAS, the Jicarilla Apache Nation stands in solidarity
8 with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the protection of its
9 sacred lands and waters and recognizes that the Missouri river
10 is sacred just as the Rio Grande is sacred in New Mexico; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States army corps of engineers and
12 other authorities with the permitting authority for the Dakota
13 access pipeline have failed to provide meaningful consultation
14 to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and other tribes in
15 considering the impacts on the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
16 reservation and its people, which is a violation of
17 environmental justice requirements and consultation
18 requirements set forth in federal law;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico's twenty-three Native
21 American nations, tribes and pueblos hereby support the
22 Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in protection of their sacred lands
23 and burial grounds and respectfully request the prosecution of
24 those who have illegally desecrated the sacred ancestral sites
25 in the area; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico's twenty-three
2 Native American nations, tribes and pueblos fully support the
3 Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in opposition to the Dakota access
4 pipeline and call upon the Trump administration to take the
5 steps necessary to halt the Dakota access pipeline; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Trump administration
7 ensure that the need for a serious discussion on nationwide
8 reform with respect to considering all tribes' views on
9 infrastructure projects and the protection of tribal lands,
10 resources and treaty rights is addressed in meaningful
11 government-to-government consultations; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the president of the United States, the New
14 Mexico congressional delegation, New Mexico's twenty-three
15 Native American nations, tribes and pueblos and the Standing
16 Rock Sioux Tribe.