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NATIONAL INDIAN COUNCIL ON AGING RESOLUTION #2016-06 TITLE: NICOA North Dakota Access Pipeline (NODAPL)

WHEREAS, we the members of the National Indian Council on Aging, Inc. (NICOA) of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the issues and needs of American Indian and Alaska Native Elders, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of our Elders, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, NICOA was established in 1976 by Tribal Leaders to advocate for improved comprehensive health, social services and economic wellbeing for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Elders. NICOA submits to the National Indian Congress of American Indians (NCAI) this resolution passed by its members at their biennial meeting on September 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, water is known to be the most important resource for all living things to survive and acknowledging the many ceremonies involving the blessing, protecting and usage of water.

WHEREAS, the NICOA Elders share the responsibility of keeping our sacred traditions alive; and,

WHEREAS, the NICOA Elders teach our young people these sacred traditions; and,

WHEREAS, the NICOA Elders convey the importance of respecting the sacredness of these traditions of all indigenous nations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the National Indian Council on Aging, Inc. (NICOA), do hereby support the Standing Rock Sioux Nation, it is their belief that water is life and acknowledge them as protectors of the water;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that we stand in support of peaceful resistance of the harmful construction of the North Dakota Access Pipeline (NODAPL), its inherent danger of leaking and/or bursting thereby contaminating the source of drinking water.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be the policy of NICOA until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above resolution was passed before a duly called meeting of the National Indian Council on Aging membership on 14, September, 2016, in Niagara Falls, NY, at which a quorum was present.

Eddie T. Lullis

Chairman