

Resolution Presented by Tom Tilden  
Passed March 18, 2017

---

*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 Nebraska Democratic Party stands in support of the Standing Rock Sioux and the entire Great Sioux Nation's opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Nebraska Democratic Party 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.