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A RESOLUTION

expressing support for the Standing Rock Sioux and their efforts to protect their land, water and cultural resources.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to express its support for clean energy, clean water and human rights; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota Access Pipeline began commercial service on June 1, 2017 and transports crude oil from North Dakota to Illinois, traveling across or under aquifers, lakes, rivers, and tributaries, including the Missouri River; and

WHEREAS, the protection of natural resources is of critical importance to all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia, Missouri is geographically situated near the Missouri River and the City receives its water from a ground source consisting of an alluvial aquifer located in McBaine while approximately half of all Missourians receive water from the Missouri River as a surface source; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the protection of critical water sources for all communities worried about the protection of critical water sources; and

WHEREAS, transitioning to clean and renewable energy sources is consistent with the City's renewable energy portfolio ordinance as well as other initiatives supported by the City such as the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement and the Mayor's National Climate Action Agenda; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2016, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council called on people around the world to issue resolutions in support of the Standing Rock Sioux and their efforts to protect their land, water and cultural resources, which resulted in many responses, including the historic and prophetic gathering known as Standing Rock and the ongoing efforts to secure clean water for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby expresses its support for the Standing Rock Sioux and their efforts to protect their land, water and cultural resources and further expresses its support for human rights, clean energy and protection of critical water sources for all communities.

ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2017.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor