

1 **JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE**
2 **48th JACL National Convention**
3 **National Council Meeting**
4 Washington, D.C.
5 July 7, 2017
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7 **A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN**
8 **CITIZENS LEAGUE RELATING TO THE MARGINALIZATION OF NATIVE**
9 **AMERICAN PEOPLES REGARDING THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE ON**
10 **STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBAL LAND**

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12 **WHEREAS**, the JACL is the nation’s largest and oldest Asian American civil rights
13 organization and has a long history of advocating for the rights of all Americans; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, the JACL has always been supportive of Native American sovereign rights
16 nationally and has affirmed support for coastal tribe’s fishing rights in the Boldt Decision of
17 1975; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, the JACL reaffirmed support for the sovereignty of Hawaii’s indigenous peoples in
20 1992; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the United States Army Corps of Engineers approved construction of the Dakota
23 Access Pipeline (DAPL) on Standing Rock Sioux tribal land; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, the 1851 Fort Laramie Treaty states that nothing may be built on Standing Rock
26 Sioux land without the consent and consultation of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe’s concerns on the DAPL construction effects on the
29 environment and residents of the area were not respected; and
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31 **WHEREAS**, the Army Corps of Engineers denied DAPL permission to be built near Bismarck,
32 North Dakota residents; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, thousands of peaceful protesters from around the world opposed the construction
35 of DAPL; and
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37 **WHEREAS**, more Native American tribes nationwide gathered together to oppose DAPL than
38 ever before in history; and
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40 **WHEREAS**, peaceful protesters were arrested by the Morton County Sheriff’s Department and
41 held captive in dog kennels for hours at a time; and
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43 **WHEREAS**, peaceful protesters were hosed with water by the Morton County Sheriff’s
44 Department in sub-freezing temperatures; and
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46 **WHEREAS**, the use of concussion grenades by the Morton County Sheriff’s Department at
47 close range resulted in a severe arm injury to a peaceful protester; and

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49 **WHEREAS**, to protest the disregard of Native American sovereign rights, environmental
50 dangers, and protester safety, government entities, such as the City of Seattle, have urged
51 divestment of savings from any financial institution invested in DAPL.

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53 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the National Council of the Japanese**
54 **American Citizens League that the JACL** insists that Native American rights and treaty
55 obligations be respected;

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57 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the JACL** condemns the US Army Corps of Engineers
58 for their disparate treatment of Native American rights in comparison to non-Native Americans’
59 rights during the development of the construction plans for the pipeline;

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61 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the JACL** insists that Morton County Sheriff’s
62 Department be held accountable for it’s violations of civil and human rights;

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64 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the JACL** calls for its chapters to seek information on
65 issues surrounding the DAPL; and

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67 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the JACL** urges the National JACL and its chapters to
68 divest from any financial institutions supporting the DAPL.

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73 **Sponsored by:** Seattle Chapter
74 **(JACL entity)**

Dated: 5/4/17
Month/Day/Year

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76 **Approved by:** Sarah Baker
77 **Name (Please Print)**

Title: President

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79 **Signed:** /s/
80 **Signature**

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84 **Fiscal Impact Statement attached**
85 X **No Fiscal Impact** (meaning that the resolution does not call for any action that will be
86 carried out by JACL staff, or incur any costs to JACL)