

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
FORTY-SIXTH SENATE  
NINETEENTH SESSION  
January 25<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**RESOLUTION #4613  
SOLIDARITY WITH THE STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE**

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SPONSORED BY:

WRITTEN BY: Jennifer Murray, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Connor Cheadle, Senator, College of Engineering

COLLABORATED WITH: Native American Cultural Center

ENDORSED BY: Internal Affairs Committee; Celine Wolff, Associate Justice; External Affairs Committee; Duane Hansen, Former Senator, ALVS; Isaiah Martin, Senator, B/AACC; Aaron Tayah, Senator, Native American Cultural Center; Milena Castaneda, Associate Senator, Native American Cultural Center; Rory Hughes, Senator, Natural Sciences; Andy Auer, Senator, Pride Resource Center; Tyler Pastor, Senator, Walter J. Scott College of Engineering; Griselda Landa-Posas, NACC student; Liberal Arts Dean's Leadership Council

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ABSTRACT: To show support the sovereignty of the Sioux Nation and of Standing Rock Tribe by the Associated Students of Colorado State Universities Forty-Sixth Senate.

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WHEREAS

The Dakota Access pipeline is currently being protested by the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and over 200 different tribes; and,

WHEREAS

The Standing Rock Sioux tribe believes the Dakota Access pipeline as routed would harm sacred lands and threaten the nation's water supply; and,

WHEREAS

As many as 181 people have be arrested for expressing their right to protest the choice to route a dangerous pipeline through Native American sovereign land; and,

WHEREAS

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016 Over 300 police officers in riot gear, 8 ATVs, 5 armored vehicles, 2 helicopters, and numerous military-grade Humvees used excessive force against the protestors including pepper spray, percussion grenades, and shotguns were fired into the crowd with less lethal ammunition, as well as a sound cannon. At least one person was tased and the barbed hook lodged in his face, just outside his eye. Another was hit in the face by a rubber bullet; and,

WHEREAS

The Dakota Access Pipeline is routed through sovereign land clearly given to the Sioux tribe as part of the Dawes Act of 1887; and,

WHEREAS

The Dawes Act of 1887 reduced the Sioux tribe's territory by over half thus violating the Sioux Treaty of 1868 and the Treaty of Fort Laramie; and,

WHEREAS

The United States has a history of native oppression and extermination as well as a history of violating treaties with Native American nations; and,

WHEREAS

There have been, and still reside, Colorado State University students at Standing Rock in support of Native sovereignty; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That the 46<sup>th</sup> Senate of the Associated Students of Colorado State University express solidarity with those who have protested the Dakota Access Pipeline; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That the 46<sup>th</sup> Senate of the Associated Students of Colorado State University supports the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and protestors of the Dakota Access Pipeline for their rights to freedom of speech; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That the 46<sup>th</sup> Senate of the Associated Students of Colorado State University supports our students currently protesting at Standing Rock; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Dr. Tony Frank, Colorado State University President; Dr. Mary Ontiveros, Vice-President of Diversity and Inclusion; Blanche Hughes, Vice-President of Student Services.

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