A Resolution

To stand in solidarity with the #NoDAPL movement, amplify marginalized voices at the University of Iowa and in this country, and call for the termination of the Dakota Access pipeline in its current state.

Section 1. Short Title

This act may be cited as “Solidarity Against DAPL.”

Whereas, the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) is an underground crude oil pipeline, the construction of which started in early 2016, which plans to carry between 470,000 and 570,000 barrels per day through 1,200 miles of North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Illinois; and,

Whereas, the pipeline was originally planned to cross under the Missouri River north of Bismarck, ND, but, due to concerns about potential water supply contamination, was rerouted to cross the river half a mile upstream of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation; and,

Whereas, although the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe expressed concerns about threats to their water supply and that the pipeline would disturb cultural, religious, and ancient burial sites, the construction was approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in July, 2016; and,

Whereas, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe’s opposition to the pipeline and requests for consultation have been largely overlooked since the original proposal of the pipeline in 2014; and,
Whereas, the Army Corps of Engineers disregarded similar concerns expressed by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Interior, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation when it approved this project; and,

Whereas, the Army Corps of Engineers did not fully consider the environmental and cultural impacts of the project, but rather used Nationwide Permit 12 to consider the entire pipeline as a series of smaller projects with half-acre areas of impact, allowing the Corps to ignore the potential greater impacts of the pipeline; and,

Whereas, the proposed route for DAPL cuts through at least 200 rivers, creeks, and tributaries through the Midwest; and,

Whereas, in 2016 alone, there have been 462 reported hazardous liquid pipeline incidents in the United States, spilling a total of more than 100,000 barrels; and,

Whereas, wildlife habitats, farms, and communities in Iowa will be directly affected by the implementation of the pipeline, with the risk of oil and wastewater spills increasing in recent years; and,

Whereas, the University of Iowa and its surrounding communities respect and cherish their natural resources, and will likely be affected in various capacities should an oil spill occur; and,

Whereas, the United States has a long, shameful history of stealing from, mistreating, and killing Native Americans, and the University of Iowa Student Government is committed to standing against this pattern of abuse; and,

Whereas, the #NoDAPL movement represents the erasure of Native voices and a momentous, collective resistance by indigenous people against settler colonialism: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the University of Iowa Student Government stands in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the #NoDAPL movement; and, be it further

Resolved, the University of Iowa Student Government reaffirms its support of Native American students; and, be it further
Resolved, the University of Iowa Student Government urges healthy and sustainable environmental practices in Johnson County, Iowa, and beyond; and, be it finally

Resolved, the University of Iowa Student Government calls upon the Army Corps of Engineers, the Iowa Utilities Board, and President Obama to terminate the Dakota Access Pipeline project in its current state.

__________________________________________, Speaker of the Senate
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I hereby attest and certify that this bill originated from the 2016-2017 Student Senate Session.

__________________________________________, Secretary
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED on ____________, 2016

__________________________________________, UISG President
Rachel Zuckerman