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**CSA Resolution in Solidarity with the Sacred Stone Camp Protesters against the Dakota Access Pipeline**

*Whereas* in North Dakota, there is a group of people at the Sacred Stone camp protesting peacefully against the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline on land that is culturally significant to the Lakota/Dakota/Nakota nation; and

*Whereas* this pipeline threatens indigenous rights, when indigenous populations are already marginalized and underrepresented by white colonialist narratives in media; and

*Whereas*, Carleton “aims to be welcoming and hospitable to its neighbors, guests, and the public, and a responsible steward of its resources”; and

*Whereas*, this group of non-violent protesters are Carleton’s neighbors and the pipeline threatens the land rights of the Standing Rock Tribe as well as the cultural ceremonial significance of the land and indigenous culture; and

*Whereas*, this pipeline threatens clean water access and water security for the entire Mid-West as it is proposed to be built underneath the Missouri River and bordering Lake Oahe; and

*Whereas*, the fossil fuel industry’s extractive practices are not sustainable and the College needs to take further steps to endorse a just transition toward renewable resources;

Resolved, CSA Senate urges the campus community to be in solidarity with the Sacred Stone Camp protesters against the new construction of fossil fuel pipelines, like the Dakota Access Pipeline through North Dakota and Line 3 through Minnesota, that threaten indigenous wellbeing and cultural rights, as well as our regional environment;

Resolved, that the CSA President be requested to send a copy of this resolution to the President of the College and the College Council.

Resolved, CSA Senate encourages Carleton College administration to issue a statement supporting the Standing Rock Tribe in their actions.

(Quotations taken from the Carleton College Mission Statement)