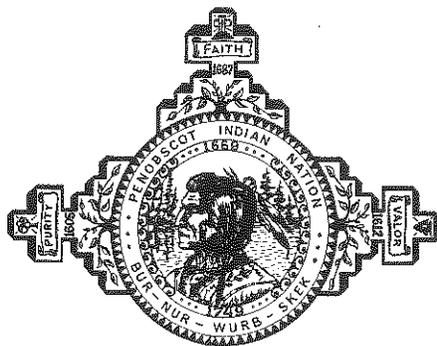


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RESOLUTION:

NUMBER: 08-29-16-04

**of the Governing Body
of the Penobscot Nation
Tribal Council**

- WHEREAS,** the Penobscot Indian Nation is a federally recognized sovereign Indian tribe with its seat of government located at Indian Island, Penobscot County, Maine; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Chief and Council is the duly authorized and elected governing body of the Penobscot Indian Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Penobscot Indian Nation is committed to the protection of the inherent authority of Tribal Nations to protect their lands, waters, natural resources and culture; and
- WHEREAS,** the Penobscot Indian Nation recognizes that threats to the environment within Indian territory represents an attack on the core cultural practices and identities of tribal people; and
- WHEREAS,** the Penobscot Nation believes that the Dakota Access Pipeline poses a real threat to the cultural and spiritual practices of the Standing Rock Sioux people and the inherent authority to govern their territory; and
- WHEREAS,** the Dakota Access Pipeline has the very real potential to cause environmental harm to the water as well as fish and wildlife living on and near the Standing Rock Sioux reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Dakota Access Pipeline threatens historical sites that are sacred to the Standing Rock Sioux people; and
- WHEREAS,** the Dakota Access Pipeline violates long standing treaties that guarantee the Standing Rock Sioux will be free from intrusion within their Homeland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Penobscot Indian Nation Chief and Council hereby formally oppose the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline on or near the Standing Rock Sioux reservation and stand in full support of the Standing Rock Sioux Nation in their stance to protect their way of life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Penobscot Indian Nation calls on the United States to protect the treaty rights of the Standing Rock Sioux and mandate that all agencies involved, including the Army Corp of Engineers, provide a comprehensive environmental impact statement for the entire project and reject any river crossing permits that would affect the Sioux people, their cultural identity and practices.

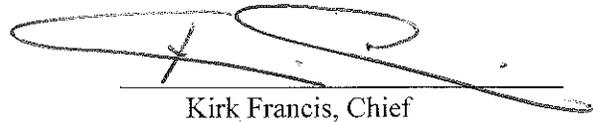
CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned as Clerk of the Tribal Council of the Penobscot Indian Nation, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council of the Penobscot Indian Nation is composed of twelve (12) members, of whom 9 were present at a meeting held at Indian Island on the 29th day of August, 2016, held in accordance with the schedule of regular meetings of the council of which all Council members received notice more than twenty-four hours in advance, and at which the Chief was present and presided, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 Council members.

Dated: 8-29-16

ATTEST:


Linda Socoby, Tribal Clerk


Kirk Francis, Chief