

## New Haven Teachers Association Resolution Against the Dakota Access Pipeline

- ✦ WHEREAS, New Haven Teachers Association is committed to CTA's Strategic Plan emphasis on Social Justice, Equity and Diversity to secure a more just, equitable, and democratic society; and
- ✦ WHEREAS, the \$3.78 Billion, 1,172-mile Access Pipeline would carry over half a million barrels of dirty crude oil from the Bakken Oil Fields to the East Coast and the Gulf; and
- ✦ WHEREAS, the pipeline is slated to pass through the tribal lands of Standing Rock Sioux Reservation near Cannon Ball, North Dakota and underneath the Missouri River, the main source of water for the tribe; and
- ✦ WHEREAS, the pipeline desecrates the ancestral burial grounds of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation; and
- ✦ WHEREAS, Native American land protectors and their supporters have been brutally attacked by private security forces with attack dogs and pepper spray; and
- ✦ WHEREAS, native Americans and other activists have the same right to defend their land and engage in non-violent protest as workers who are protesting the unfair actions of an employer; therefore be it
- ✦ RESOLVED that we call upon the Federal Government to make permanent the moratorium on construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline on and near the Standing Rock Reservation by revoking permits for construction issued by the Army Corps of Engineers, and be it further
- ✦ RESOLVED that the Federal Government immediately stop the brutal attacks and protect the first amendment rights of peaceful protestors; and be it further
- ✦ RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Congressional Delegations of Northern California, President Barack Obama, the Secretary of the Interior Department, and the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Adopted by NHTA Rep Council 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2016



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