Support the ongoing protest against the Dakota Access Pipeline

Sponsor: Kade Falls Down
Co-Sponsors: Hannah Johnson

Vote Necessary: Majority

Intent: To support the ongoing peaceful protest against the Dakota Access Pipeline happening at the Sacred Stone Camp in Cannon Ball, North Dakota.

Whereas, There is a peaceful protest happening right now in North Dakota with the goal of indefinitely stopping the pipeline construction; and

Whereas, ASMSU has always been a supporter of diversity on campus and within the Bozeman community; and

Whereas, There are members of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe that attend Montana State University; and

Whereas, The Dakota Access Pipeline is a 1,172-mile-long pipe being built to carry crude oil from the Bakken to Illinois; and

Whereas, The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe was not properly notified that the Army Corps of Engineers would be destroying historical burial grounds; and

Whereas, The protest has been peaceful with little to no violence reported; and

Whereas, The United States Department of Justice, Department of the Interior and Department of the Army have all stated that the company should halt construction to reconsider whether the location is appropriate or not; now, therefore, let it be

Resolved, That ASMSU publicly supports the efforts of the peaceful protestors in Cannon Ball, North Dakota; and

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Waded Cruzado, President of Montana State University; Tracy Ellig, Executive Director of University Communications; David Archambault II, President of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; Dr. Walter Fleming, Department Chair of Native American Studies; Richard White, Director of the American Indian/Alaskan Native Student Support Center; Francine Spang-Willis, Program Director for Native American Studies; Ethan Walker and Alex Newby, Co- Presidents of the Society of American Indian Graduate Students; Adrian Bird Jr. and Ty Show, Co-Presidents of the American Indian Council.