A Concurrent Resolution engaging the Student Government Association, Administration and faculty at the University of Oklahoma to support protest efforts in North Dakota regarding expansion of the oil industry into sovereign Native American land by means of donation and/or actively getting involved with dialogue about this issue on campus.

Whereas: A $3.8 billion-dollar project to implement a pipeline system for undiscovered crude oil will be completed in late 2016; and

Whereas: It is recognized that the Dakota Access Pipeline project spans between four states in the contiguous United States, including sovereign land of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; and

Whereas: The areas that the oil industry has expanded into not only affects sacred and sovereign Native American land, but also local farmers who deal with the aftermath of the restructuring of their fields; and

Whereas: The state of Oklahoma has had its own modern and historical controversies with the extension of the oil industry, and a long-lasting historical and cultural connection to the state’s Native American ancestry; and

Whereas: Students at the University of Oklahoma are greatly affected by the history and culture surrounding Native American Sovereignty in the state; and

Whereas: Students of The University of Oklahoma have protested in North Dakota against said pipeline in efforts to show solidarity with their heritage and land promised to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in 1868 in accordance to the Article 2 of the Treaty of Fort Laramie; and

Whereas: North Dakota opted to not allow passage of the Dakota Access Pipeline through the state capital, Bismarck, but rather through the Reservation of the Standing Rock Sioux; and

Whereas: The Student Government Association stands with students on campus who fight for their heritage and uphold the promises their ancestors received decades ago especially as residents of Oklahoma.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION THAT:

Section 1: This resolution shall be known and will be cited as “A Concurrent Resolution Addressing the Dakota Access Pipeline.”

Section 2: The Student Government Association supports and encourages students to be actively involved and knowledgeable about this issue given we are residents of Oklahoma and affected by its history and culture.

Section 3: The Student Government Association will fundraise and encourage students to engage in open dialogue on Native Sovereignty and Native Rights to create a more open and inclusive University atmosphere at the University of Oklahoma.

Section 4: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- American Indian Student Association
- Breanna Faris, Assistant Director of American Indian Student Life
- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
- David L. Boren, President of The University of Oklahoma
- Jabar Shumate, Vice President of the University Community
- The OU Daily
- OU Nightly
- Norman Transcript

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