

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED
ROUTE OF SANDPIPER PIPELINE AND
CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINES NORTH OF I-94**

WHEREAS, the proposed route of the Sandpiper Pipeline would cross waters, lakes, and wild rice beds in northern Minnesota of great biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, those lands include 137 public lands, including the Mississippi Headwaters State Forest and 76 public waterways; and

WHEREAS, the primary lakes and wild rice beds in northern Minnesota would be at great risk; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge has not established, with certainty, that there is a need for the Sandpiper Pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the Enbridge Corporation has already had 800 spills, including the 2010 Kalamazoo Spill and the 2014 oil byproduct spill in the Missouri River; and

WHEREAS, we need to establish rigorous environmental protections and to begin meaningful, long-term efforts to safeguard the freshwater aquifers and watersheds for: 1) Red River to the Hudson Bay, 2) Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico, and 3) St. Louis River and Lake Superior to the Atlantic Ocean;

NOW THEREFORE, The Hiram Township Board of Supervisors resolves that the Minnesota Legislature, House and Senate, the Minnesota Governor's office, the Minnesota delegation to Congress and all federal agencies promptly enact a moratorium on new oil pipelines through northern Minnesota lakes, rivers, and streams anywhere north of Interstate 94.

Date: Aug 13, 2014

By: Mark L. Neece
Chairperson

By: Laurie Swanson
Clerk