



# *Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority*

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## **RESOLUTION 01-28-16 A: SUPPORT FOR REMOVAL OR DECOMMISSIONING OF ENBRIDGE LINE 5 IN MACKINAC STRAITS**

WHEREAS, the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) exists for the purpose of managing the fishery resource under the Treaty of 1836, 7 Stat. 491, through regulation of treaty fishing activity by members of the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the right to fish under the 1836 Treaty is dependent upon the ability of the Great Lakes and inland ecosystems to support viable and stable fish stocks; and

WHEREAS, Line 5 is a set of twin, 62-year-old pipelines owned by Enbridge that carry light crude oil and natural gas under the Straits of Mackinac; and

WHEREAS, the Enbridge Inc. Line 5 extends through the 1836 Treaty-ceded lands of Michigan and beneath the Straits of Mackinac in an especially sensitive and vulnerable area; and

WHEREAS, the currents in the Straits of Mackinac at peak volumetric transport can be more than 10 times greater than the flow of Niagara Falls and switch bi-directionally from east to west every few days, and according to a 2014 University of Michigan study are the "worst possible place" for an oil spill in the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge has a shaky track record that includes 1,244 reportable spills, leaks and releases from 1996 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge was in violation for their spacing requirements of its 1953 easement for Line 5 in 2014 and were responsible for a pinhole leak in a section of the pipeline north of the Straits in December 2014; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge was responsible for one of the worst and most expensive oil spills in U.S. History when Line 6b ruptured near Kalamazoo in 2010 allowing almost 1 million gallons of tar sands oil to leak for 17 hours before shutting down the line; and

WHEREAS, corrosion is the number one reason that pipelines fail; and

WHEREAS, Line 5 was built before the Great Lakes Submerged Lands Act was adopted so it didn't have to obtain a permit and ensure that the pipeline wouldn't pose a threat to the waters or the public's use of the waters; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's Attorney General Bill Schuette has stated (in regards to Line 5) that the "pipeline wouldn't be built today" and that "the pipeline's days are numbered"; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard Commandant testified before Congress in 2015 that the Coast Guard would be unable to respond effectively to an open water oil spill in the heart of the Great Lakes; and

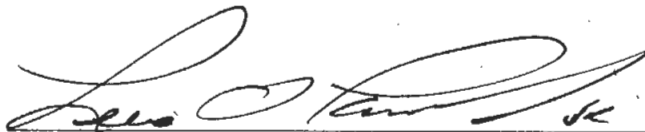
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Lakes Resources Committee of CORA hereby states its support for the removal or decommissioning of Enbridge's Line 5 beneath the Mackinac Straits.

AND, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that CORA supports H.R. 182 and C.R. 15 introduced by State Representatives Sarah Roberts and Jeff Irwin calling on Governor Rick Snyder and Attorney General Bill Schuette to shut down Line 5; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that CORA calls upon Governor Rick Snyder, Attorney General Bill Schuette, Michigan's State Representatives, State Senators and U.S. Senators to take swift action to shut down Line 5.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Chairman of the Great Lakes Resources Committee of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a duly called, noticed and convened meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, with a quorum present and with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining and 0 absent.



Levi D. Carrick, Sr., Chairman  
Great Lakes Resources Committee of the  
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