



Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish
Band of Pottawatomi Indians
GUN LAKE TRIBE

Federally Recognized
August 23, 1999

County Service Areas:
Allegan, Barry, Kalamazoo,
Kent, and Ottawa

RESOLUTION 16-966
OF THE
MATCH-E-BE-NASH-SHE-WISH BAND
OF POTTAWATOMI INDIANS OF MICHIGAN,
A/K/A GUN LAKE TRIBE
**SUPPORT FOR THE DECOMMISSIONING OF ENBRIDGE LINE 5 IN THE STRAITS
OF MACKINAC**

WHEREAS, the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan (a/k/a the "Gun Lake Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, entitled to all privileges and immunities as such under federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Gun Lake Tribe will maintain our elders vision, integrity, spirituality, culture, and economic self-sufficiency by protecting our sovereignty, treaty rights, traditions, land, and natural resources for our future generations; and,

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by the Tribes Constitution pursuant to Article VII to act and exercise tribal authority on behalf of the Gun Lake Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, Anishabek are connected to waters and lands and have a responsibility to protect these resources; and,

WHEREAS, Enbridge Energy owns and operates aging pipeline Line 5 which is located on the bottom lands of the Straights of Mackinac; and,

WHEREAS, Enbridge Energy was the responsible party of the Talmadge Creek/Kalamazoo River Oil Spill which released over 840,000 gallons of crude oil over a 17 hour period causing the worst and most expensive freshwater oil spill; and,

WHEREAS, the Gun Lake Tribe believes that neither Enbridge Energy, nor any state, federal or local government agency, has the necessary plans and equipment required to respond to a rupture or other failure of Line 5 in or near the waters of the Straits of Mackinac; and,

WHEREAS, a failure event could have catastrophic effects on the Great Lakes Ecosystem, as well as the economic prosperity of the State of Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Gun Lake Tribe requests the immediate and permanent decommissioning of Enbridge Line 5 at the Straits of Mackinac; and,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council 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

We, the undersigned duly elected officials of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomis Indians, do hereby certify that on April 21, 2016, the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council with a quorum present by a vote of 4 for; 0 against; 1 abstaining; and 1 absent.



Vice Chairman



Secretary

4-21-16

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