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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-\_\_\_\_**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Mayor David Coss

Councilor Chris Calvert

Councilor Patti Bushee

**A RESOLUTION**

**RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA DENY THE PERMIT APPLICATION BY TRANSCANADA TO CONSTRUCT THE KEYSTONE XL TAR SANDS PIPELINE.**

**WHEREAS**, President Obama must issue a Presidential Permit declaring that construction of the 875-mile northern segment of the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline through America’s heartland is in the national interest; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama told the nation on June 25, 2013 that “our national interest will be served only if this project does not significantly exacerbate the problem of carbon pollution”; and

**WHEREAS**, the 830,000 barrels of tar sands oil proposed to be carried daily from Alberta, Canada to the Gulf Coast would increase climate changing emissions yearly by 24.3 million tons, the equivalent of Americans driving an additional 60 million miles per year; and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of the project’s lifetime carbon emissions would increase by up to 1.2 billion metric tons at a time when the World Bank and International Energy Administration are

1 warning that 66 percent of known fossil fuel reserves must be kept in the ground if we are to have  
2 even a small chance at stopping the climate crisis

3       **WHEREAS**, life cycle GHG emissions from oil sands crude could be 81% greater than  
4 emissions from the average crude refined in the U.S. according to the Environmental Protection  
5 Agency; and

6       **WHEREAS**, an area of pristine boreal forest the size of Florida will be mined to extract tar  
7 sands oil, causing the loss of millions of migratory birds and other wildlife; and

8       **WHEREAS**, about three barrels of water are dumped in toxic tailing ponds for every barrel  
9 of oil produced; and

10       **WHEREAS**, high rates of rare cancers, renal failure, lupus, and hyperthyroidism have been  
11 documented in indigenous communities living downstream from tar sands extraction; and

12       **WHEREAS**, in the last decade, there have been over 2,500 pipeline mishaps, leading to 161  
13 deaths, including recent tar sands pipeline breaks in Kalamazoo, Michigan and Mayflower, Arkansas;  
14 and

15       **WHEREAS**, refining tar sands oil emits higher levels of mercury and other disease-causing  
16 air pollutants than conventional oil, worsening the already unacceptable air quality of impacted Gulf  
17 Coast communities; and

18       **WHEREAS**, the U.S. State Department confirms that the majority of tar sands crude oil will  
19 be exported internationally after it is processed in Gulf Coast refineries.

20       **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
21 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the governing body hereby respectfully requests and strongly urges  
22 President Obama and the State Department to reject TransCanada's permit application to construct  
23 the Northern segment of the Keystone XL Pipeline.

24       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body strongly support public  
25 expression of resistance to approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline, up to and including peaceful,

1 nonviolent and dignified expressions of civil disobedience.

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of the this  
3 resolution to President Obama and members of the Santa Fe's congressional delegation.

4 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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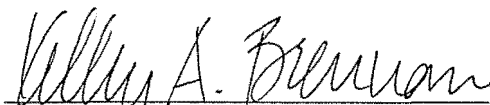
7 ATTEST:

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DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

11 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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14 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

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