

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: 5/21/19G

PERTAINING TO: Opposition to Enbridge Line 5

WHEREAS: The Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe (Tribe), organized under a constitution adopted April 18, 1936, and approved June 1, 1936, pursuant to Sec. 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act, said Constitution having been amended by the Band on January 28, 1991, and said amendments approved by the Secretary on July 2, 1991, in accordance with the provisions of applicable federal law; and,

WHEREAS: The Tribal Council is the governing body of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians; and,

WHEREAS: Enbridge's Line 5 has transported oil and natural gas from Gete-oodenaang (Superior, WI) to just outside the Aamjiwnaang First Nation (near Sarnia, Ontario) since 1953; and,

WHEREAS: Enbridge Line 5 runs through Mashkiiziibii (Bad River Reservation), Lake Superior Anishinaabe 1842 and 1836 ceded territories as well as other ceded Anishinaabe territories including 1819 and 1807 treaty territories; and,

WHEREAS: Enbridge Line 5 has been operating for several years despite expired permits in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and in Mashkiiziibii (Bad River Reservation); and,

WHEREAS: Enbridge Line 5 runs across the Nayaano-nibiimaang Gichigamiin (Great Lakes) basin, near the shores of Anishinaabe-gichigami (Lake Superior) and through the Straits of Mackinac where Odaawaa-gichigami (Lake Michigan) and Naadowe-gichigami (Lake Huron) meet jeopardizing the health and wellness of the Nayaano-nibimaang Gichigammin basin; and,

WHEREAS: Enbridge refuses to shut down Line 5 up-flow of the Mashkiigong-ziibi (Bad River) during flood events despite requests from the Bad River Tribal Government; and,

WHEREAS: Enbridge Line 5 has had over 30 documented spills or leaks totaling over 1 million gallons spilled due to crumbling infrastructure and insufficient environmental protection protocols; and,

WHEREAS: Enbridge Line 5 poses a great threat to our cultural wellbeing as Anishinaabe as well as our ability to hunt, fish and gather across ceded territory ;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Tribal Council stands in firm opposition to Enbridge Line 5 and demands that it be decommissioned and removed from all territory ceded by the Anishinaabe of

Lake Superior. We also in full support our Bad River relatives in their demand that Enbridge Line 5 be removed from their reservation.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Treaty Natural Resources Division and Tribal Historic Preservation Office is directed to do everything they can within the capacities of their programs to support our Mashkiziibi relatives, protect the nibi, shut down Enbridge Line 5 and remove it from ceded territory.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Red Cliff Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the council is composed of nine members (9), of whom 6 were present at a meeting duly called, convened and held this 21 day of May, 2019, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 5 members for, 0 against, and 0 members abstaining for the vote, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in anyway.



Laura Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council

