



# OTOE-MISSOURIA TRIBE OF INDIANS

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OMTC #1108148 FY-2024

## RESOLUTION

### "A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO MAGELLAN PIPELINE REROUTE."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE OTOE-MISSOURIA TRIBE OF INDIANS, and**

**WHEREAS,** the Otoe-Missouria Tribal Council, the governing body of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, in accordance with the Tribal Constitution, Article VIII-Powers, Section I., Tribal Council, duly convened to discuss, review, and approve Tribal business, and

**WHEREAS,** the Otoe-Missouria Tribal Council has reviewed necessary information to support the opposition to the Magellan Pipeline Reroute and underscore the following points,

**WHEREAS,** the Pipestone quarries in Minnesota hold deep spiritual significance to the Otoe-Missouria and have served as a sacred resource for traditional ceremonial pipes. The U.S. recognized this, establishing the Pipestone National Monument in 1937 to protect these lands. Despite this, the Magellan Pipeline, transporting toxic petroleum products, was routed near the quarries, and Magellan now seeks to reroute it, posing grave environmental and cultural risks, and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed routes risk contaminating the Pipestone and local water resources, which are already compromised. The rerouting process lacked adequate consultation with Tribal Nations and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and omitted thorough environmental and cultural impact assessments. Additionally, these routes endanger critical habitats for threatened species, and

**WHEREAS,** in September 2024, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) approved Route RA-01, which crosses water sources and contains numerous wetland areas, without a completed cultural resource survey. Thousands of public comments opposed the reroute due to its impact on Indigenous spirituality and culture, but the PUC favored corporate interests, and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Chairman, Tribal Secretary and the Executive Director are authorized to negotiate, amend, execute, and sign any or all provisions of such an opposition.

**SO, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Otoe-Missouria Tribal Council hereby opposes any reroute of the Magellan Pipeline along any of the four routes considered by the Minnesota PUC and calls on the PUC to reverse of Route RA-01. The Otoe-Missouria Tribal Council authorizes to execute necessary documents to implement this resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, Chairman and Secretary of the Otoe-Missouria Tribal Council, do hereby certify by signature, that the above and foregoing Resolution was acted and adopted upon this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024 as an official act by quorum with a quorum present, and a vote of:  
6 for, 0 against, 0 absent, and 1 abstaining.

Thereby:  Approving this Resolution    [    ] Disapproving this Resolution



*[Signature]*  
Darrell Kihega, Secretary

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John R. Shotton, Chairman