

# Oneida Nation

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## **BC Resolution # 10-27-21-B Opposing Enbridge's Construction of Pipelines 3 and 5**


- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1, of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida people have been bestowed responsibilities from the Creator to uphold the Rights of Nature and protect our lands and environment for our future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation has adopted BC Resolution 10-13-21-E that proclaims the Nation, government leaders and our people will commit to upholding the Rights of Nature by utilizing our resources and voices to protect our most precious resources;
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation reviewed Enbridge's proposed plan for construction of pipelines 3 and 5 and determined that the proposed construction poses a threat to Tribal lands, the environment, treaty rights, historic cultural sites and waters in the Upper Mississippi watershed and the western Great Lakes; and
- WHEREAS,** many sovereign Nations and indigenous communities live and rely upon the lands along the proposed lines, which poses a threat to indigenous way of life and the proposed lines could disproportionately impact Indigenous people, threaten resources critical to the survival of Indigenous communities, and exacerbate the already profound disparities in health access and outcomes that tribal communities face; and
- WHEREAS,** Enbridge has a history of catastrophic oil spills in the upper Midwest, including in 1991 in Minnesota when 1.7 million gallons of oil spilled near the Prairie River; in 2010 in Michigan when 1.1 million gallons of tar sands oil spilled into the Kalamazoo River; and in 1999 in Michigan when 222,600 gallons of oil and natural gas spilled in Crystal Falls, located within the Menominee River Watershed which feeds the Menominee River and flows into Green Bay of Lake Michigan;
- WHEREAS,** the people of the Oneida Nation understand that water provides sustenance to all life on Earth, and the threat of polluting the waters is too great a risk; and
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Oneida Nation joins many tribal governments and organizations in opposing the construction of Enbridge's pipelines 3 and 5.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Nation calls upon the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to reject Enbridge's permit application for the construction of Line 5 which is proposed to cross many sensitive environmental and cultural areas in Northern Wisconsin.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Nation's Business Committee, Land and Environmental Health, Safety, Land & Agriculture Division, and Intergovernmental Affairs & Communication shall engage with other Tribes, organizations, state and federal government to oppose Enbridge's construction of pipelines 3 and 5.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 5 members constitute a quorum; 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting\*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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Lisa Liggins, Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

\*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."