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HUTCHINSON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08

WHEREAS, the United States relies - and will continue to rely for many years - on gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel, as well as renewable and alternative sources of energy; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners (SDACC) urges the United States Congress to support continued and increased development and delivery of oil from Canada to the United States; and

WHEREAS, pipelines are the safest method for the transportation of petroleum products when compared to other methods of transportation; and

WHEREAS, safety and the environment are legitimate concerns, the Keystone XL expansion project through South Dakota will meet or exceed all US pipeline safety regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Keystone XL pipeline is critical to the creation of South Dakota jobs and to our state's economic, and energy development; and

WHEREAS, TransCanada and the Keystone Pipeline currently provides over \$3.8 Million in additional property tax revenue to eleven (11) South Dakota counties annually; and

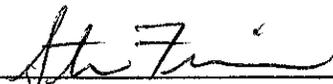
WHEREAS, the Keystone XL expansion project is expected to increase the valuation of the nine (9) South Dakota counties through which it passes by 9%; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hutchinson County Board of Commissioners supports the Keystone XL expansion project and the continued and increased development and delivery of oil from North American oil reserves to American refineries through the State of South Dakota.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21 day of April, 2015.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HUTCHINSON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

BY: _____


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