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**RESOLUTION ON CLEAN WATER AND TREATY RIGHTS**

*Submitted by: Alderperson Meltzer – District 2, Alderperson Schultz – District 9, & Alderperson Wolff – District 12*

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*Referred To: Special Session of the Common Council*

WHEREAS the Upper Mississippi watershed and the western Great Lakes, as well as the rights and sovereignty of Indigenous people, along with many historic cultural sites, are threatened by Enbridge Energy's construction of Line 3, an expanded, rerouted, tar sands pipeline passing through northern Minnesota, and portions of Line 5, a reroute of an old, corroding crude oil pipeline that crosses many sensitive and vulnerable environmental and cultural areas in Northern Wisconsin, and threatens the safety and wellbeing of not just Northern Wisconsin but our entire state including Appleton; 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, and in 2010 in Michigan when 1.1 million gallons of tar sands oil spilled into the Kalamazoo River; and, WHEREAS, from 2002 to 2018, Enbridge and its joint ventures and subsidiaries reported 307 hazardous liquids incidents to federal regulators - one incident every 20 days on average - which released a total of 2.8 million gallons of hazardous liquids; and,

WHEREAS, in June 2021, Enbridge employees were arrested and charged in human trafficking while working on Enbridge Line 3; and,

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2021, Mayor Woodford commemorated the lives of those missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and acknowledged that resource extraction is directly related to human trafficking;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Appleton support the rights of the Anishinaabe to hunt, fish and gather established by treaties, including their actions to protect the land and waters of the Upper Mississippi and Great Lakes watersheds on which those rights are practiced, by opposing the construction of Enbridge Lines 3 and 5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Appleton call on all residents of Appleton to raise awareness about this important struggle for Indigenous sovereignty and environmental justice by learning from Indigenous leaders, Native organizations and other organizations such as [stopline3.org](http://stopline3.org), [narf.org](http://narf.org), [oilandwaterdontmix.org](http://oilandwaterdontmix.org) and to support water protection efforts in any way they can.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Appleton call upon the Wisconsin DNR to reject Enbridge's permit application for the construction of Line 5 across so many vulnerable environmental and cultural areas in Northern Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Appleton call upon every elected leader at the local, state and federal level with the authority to stop the construction of Lines 3 and 5 to do so immediately.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Appleton hereby recommend that the city of Appleton reject any request for mutual aid by Enbridge Inc. for the purpose of constructing and operating Lines 3 and 5.