

### A. Full EIS for Crude Oil Pipelines

WHEREAS, although Minnesota already has a main pipeline corridor carrying millions of barrels of crude oil daily into and across the US for domestic and export use, there are applications for a new pipeline corridor currently before the Public Utilities Commission; and,

WHEREAS, all pipelines eventually leak and the recent National Academy of Sciences report says diluted bitumen or heavy tar sands oil, is more difficult to remove and a greater threat when spilled in water; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota law – the Environmental Protection Act states “Where there is potential for significant environmental effects resulting from any major governmental action, the action shall be preceded by a detailed environmental impact statement [EIS] prepared by the responsible governmental unit”; and,

WHEREAS, the Pollution Control Agency and the Department of Natural Resources are the state government agencies most knowledgeable and responsible for the safekeeping of the environment, but the Department of Commerce is currently named the responsible governmental unit; and,

WHEREAS, a recent appellate court ruling affirmed a full EIS was required for the Sandpiper Certificate of Need Pipeline Application;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Minnesota \_\_\_\_\_ party support legislation to permanently ensure a full and complete Environmental Impact Statement be conducted for all crude oil pipelines (new or replaced) , and that the Environmental Quality Board designate the PCA and DNR as the responsible governmental unit to complete the EIS.**