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Subject: Resolution regarding the Pilgrim Pipeline

Please find attached a resolution adopted by the Mountain Lakes Council in support of municipalities opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline.

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**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS**

RESOLUTION 160-16

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF MUNICIPALITIES OPPOSING THE
PILGRIM PIPELINE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline Company ("Pilgrim") is proposing to build a new bi-directional pipeline that would transport crude oil and refined petroleum products between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey; and would cross 5 New Jersey counties, 6 New York counties, 30 New Jersey towns, 25 New York Municipalities and

WHEREAS, the pipeline is proposed to carry oil extracted from North Dakota's Bakken shale through the process of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, an extreme method of oil and gas extraction that depletes and despoils clean water resources, creates toxic air emissions and radioactive waste, and contributes to the climate change crisis by releasing large quantities of methane gas into the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, The Pilgrim pipeline raises significant safety concerns for Mountain Lakes, as well as potential harm to municipal and county infrastructure, and likely negative impact upon future development in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is concerned about the hazard the project may create due to the nature and volume of the highly flammable oil flowing through the pipeline, and its proposed route, which crosses through residential neighborhoods which will be in the "impact radius" should an explosion and or spill occur; and

WHEREAS, according to Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA) only has 135 inspectors to oversee 2.6 million miles of pipeline, and only a fifth of that pipeline system has been inspected by PHMSA or its state partners since 2006; and

WHEREAS, the potential for a pipeline explosion could harm hundreds of people, and negatively affecting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the aforementioned Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature recognized the significance of the New Jersey Highlands region and afforded special protection to the region and its resources in 2004 with the passage of the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act. The Act created the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council and the Highlands Regional Master Plan to ensure resource based planning would be used in the Highlands to combat sprawl and the depletion of water quality and quantity as the region provides drinking water to 5.4 million state residents; and

WHEREAS, the federal government acknowledged the exceptional value of Highlands resources and the urgent need for their preservation in 2004 when Congress passed the Highlands Conservation Act which "recognize[s] the importance of the water, forest, agricultural, wildlife, recreational, and cultural resources of the Highlands region, and the national significance of the Highlands region to the United States."; and

WHEREAS, the wise stewardship of natural resources involves protection of water supplies and other natural resources, for generations to come; and

