

**RESOLUTION**  
**INFORMING**  
**THE ELON UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**WITH REGARD TO**  
**THE PROPOSED MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE SOUTHGATE EXTENSION**  
**IN ALAMANCE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA**

**1-WHEREAS**, Elon University is a tight knit community of individuals who are dedicated to positive, sustainable efforts; and

**2-WHEREAS**, Elon University, a university in North Carolina, encourages Elon University Student Government Association to take notice of the impacts that the proposed construction for the Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate; and

**3-WHEREAS**, Elon University has adopted a strategic plan with a theme of “significantly enhancing Elon’s campus with premier new academic and residential facilities and a commitment to protecting our environment;” and

**4-WHEREAS**, Elon University has adopted a Mission Statement as states, “we integrate learning across the disciplines and put knowledge into practice, thus preparing students to be global citizens and informed leaders motivated by concern for the common good;” and

**5-WHEREAS**, Elon University Campus Recreation and Wellness has adopted a Mission Statement as states, “Campus Recreation & Wellness provides quality recreational and educational experiences designed to positively impact the development of Elon students and contribute to the holistic wellness of the campus community,” and

**6-WHEREAS**, the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) LLC announced plans in April 2018 to extend the 303 mile proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline from its currently planned end point in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 72 additional miles, the last 20 miles of which are proposed to pass through Alamance County, North Carolina, creating "MVP Southgate" and on May 3, 2018 submitted its pre-filing request to the FERC which was formally accepted by the FERC on May 15, 2018; and

**7-WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is the lead stewardship agency for the protection of North Carolina's environmental resources through its natural resources divisions to protect fish, wildlife, water quality, erosion control and wilderness areas and will have jurisdiction over compliance with state law in the MVP project if it is permitted by the FERC; and

**8-WHEREAS**, approximately 20 miles of the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) project would traverse erodible soils within Alamance County and without proper engineering and construction oversight, erosion and sediment from the construction of the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline could have severe negative consequences for the County's lakes, streams, and the Haw River as well as its domestic, agricultural, and business water supplies; and

**9-WHEREAS**, Alamance County has an interest in the protection of the County's natural and cultural resources as well as promotion of economic and community development within the County and region; and Alamance County also has an interest in how the project may affect its citizens and compliance with the North Carolina Division of Water Quality's regulatory obligations, particularly those related to erosion and sediment control and limitations on storm water discharges. The outdoor beauty and unspoiled nature of the Haw River and its tributaries is integral to the County's ability to attract tourism and recreation to the region; and

**10-WHEREAS**, many Alamance County citizens rely on untreated groundwater from wells or springs for their domestic water supplies; and

**11-WHEREAS**, Alamance County is aware that sedimentation caused by accelerated erosion from land-disturbing activities during construction of the pipeline in West Virginia and Virginia has occurred and can be a significant contributor to pollution of the surface waters of North Carolina and the United States. Based on the nature and extent of these recent breaches of storm-water and erosion control devices in Virginia, it appears that the required amount of land-disturbance associated with the MVP excavation has the potential to cause severe erosion in the County's river front terrain and sedimentation in County's lakes, rivers and streams and significant changes to environmental protection efforts will need to be made to prevent a repeat of storm-water and erosion control failures in Alamance County should the permit be approved and construction begins; and

**12-WHEREAS**, in West Virginia and Virginia, numerous concerns have been raised to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) about this project and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) through the thousands of written comments and hundreds of speakers at FERC public meetings. Alamance County citizens have also been attending local meetings to express their concerns over the impact of the proposed pipeline project here in Alamance County;

**13-WHEREAS**, Elon University is one of the universities in Alamance County where the proposed MVP Southgate Pipeline would directly come within 6 miles of Elon University's campus; and

**14-WHEREAS**, Elon University Student Government Association encourages the University and the Town of Elon to commit to 100% renewable electricity and therefore reduce the overall need for fossil fuels like the proposed pipeline; and

**15-WHEREAS**, the Alamance County Board of County Commissioners passed a unanimous resolution in opposition to the MVP Southgate Pipeline.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it hereby **RESOLVED** Elon University Student Government on this DAY of this YEAR that in consideration of the concerns shared above Elon University Student Government Association is recorded as being opposed to the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate extension entering and being installed in Alamance County.