

**(DRAFT) A Resolution by the Bryan County Commission
In Opposition to the Proposed Palmetto Pipeline**

WHEREAS, Kinder Morgan has filed an application for public convenience and necessity with the Georgia Department of Transportation to construct a 360-mile long petroleum pipeline from Belton, South Carolina to Jacksonville, Florida, described as the Palmetto Pipeline;

WHEREAS, 210 miles of the proposed pipeline would run through the State of Georgia and 7 miles are in Bryan County, Georgia;

WHEREAS, Kinder Morgan would condemn and take private property through the use of eminent domain to construct the proposed pipeline if the Georgia Department of Transportation issues a certificate of public convenience and necessity;

WHEREAS, the right to use eminent domain requires a defined public need;

WHEREAS, Kinder Morgan plans to construct a petroleum storage depot of almost 1 million gallons near Richmond Hill for tanker truck transportation to destinations in the coastal plain and, as such, will result in a dramatic increase in tanker truck traffic on the roads through Bryan County thus increasing the chances of highway accidents;

WHEREAS, Kinder Morgan has admitted that the primary purpose of the Palmetto Pipeline is to provide gasoline and other petroleum products to South Carolina and Florida with minimal, if any, benefit to the citizens of Georgia while imposing the greatest burden of environmental risk to its aquifers, rivers and resources;

WHEREAS, Kinder Morgan has a deplorable record of pipeline disasters, deliberate business practices designed to starve its pipelines of proper maintenance, and criminal, fraudulent, and deceitful practices such that threats to the citizens and resources of Bryan County are real and not speculative (see attachment);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Bryan County opposes the issuing of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Palmetto Products Pipe Line, LLC by the Georgia Department of Transportation and construction of the pipeline itself.