

**JANUARY 2005 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

**BILL NO. CLB05-02**

**INTRODUCED BY CARL E. VENNE, CHAIRMAN  
CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED:**

**“AN ACT CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES YELLOWTAIL TO FILL  
THE UNEXPIRED TERM AS CHIEF JUDGE OF THE CROW TRIBAL COURT”**

WHEREAS, Article X of the Crow Tribal Constitution and Bylaws provides that the election process for the Judicial Branch judges of the Crow Tribal Government shall be in accordance with the Crow Law and Order Code; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of Chief Judge of the Crow Tribal Court as a result of the resignation of the Chief Judge who was elected to a four-year term in October 2001, until new Judicial Branch elections are held in October 2005; and

WHEREAS, Title 3, Section 3-3-310 of the Crow Law and Order Code, as amended by the Legislative Branch and approved by the Executive Branch, provides that vacancies in the Tribal Court judges' positions shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the Chairman of the Executive Branch and confirmation by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Title 3, Section 3-3-303(1) of the Crow Law and Order Code sets forth the qualifications for Chief Judge as being at least 30 years of age and an enrolled member of the Crow Tribe, having graduated from an accredited college with a minimum of a four year degree, having never been convicted of a felony and not having been convicted of a misdemeanor offense within five (5) years of the election (not to include minor traffic offenses), and a background investigation having been completed; and

WHEREAS, **JAMES YELLOWTAIL** was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Chief Judge by Chairman Venne on or about November 10, 2004, and **JAMES YELLOWTAIL** fulfills all the qualifications for the position of Chief Judge;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE:**

**Section 1. Confirmation of Chief Judge JAMES YELLOWTAIL.** The appointment of **JAMES YELLOWTAIL** as Chief Judge of the Crow Tribal Court to fill the unexpired term until the October 2005 Judicial Branch elections is hereby confirmed.

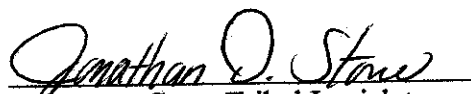
**Section 2. Effective Date.** The appointment and confirmation of Chief Judge **JAMES YELLOWTAIL** is effective on the date of appointment by the Chairman of the Executive Branch.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Bill for confirmation of the appointment of Chief Judge **JAMES YELLOWTAIL** was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 10 in favor, 6 opposed, and 0 abstained, and that a quorum was present on this 13 day of January, 2005.

  
Speaker of the House  
Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST:

  
Secretary, Crow Tribal Legislature


### EXECUTIVE ACTION

I hereby

approve

veto this Bill:

for confirmation of the appointment of Chief Judge **JAMES YELLOWTAIL** pursuant to the authority vested in the Chairman of the Crow Tribe by Article V, Section 8 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Tribe of Indians, on this 24 day of JANUARY, 2005.

  
Carl E. Venne, Chairman  
Crow Tribal Executive Branch

# Confirmation of Chief Judge James Yellowtail

Bill or Resolution Number CLB05-02 Introduced by: Executive Date of vote: 1-13-05  
 Representative

	Yes	No	Abstain
D. Goes Ahead	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Cloud	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
O. Costa	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Iron	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Plain Feather	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Crooked Arm	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Stewart	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
L. Costa	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
C. Goes Ahead	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Hogan	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Old Elk	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
K. Real Bird	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Pease	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Medicine Horse	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Not Afraid	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
P. Real Bird	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Wilson	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Stone	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Totals:	<u>  10  </u>	<u>  6  </u>	<u>  0  </u>

Results of Vote:

Passed

Not Passed

Tabled

Veto Override

Signature of Officer: Jim. P. Dan Feath Date: 1-17-05