

JULY 2004 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION NO JAR04-02

**INTRODUCED BY CARL E. VENNE, CHAIRMAN
EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE CROW TRIBE**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE AND
LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF CROW TRIBAL GOVERNMENT ENTITLED:**

**“A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE CROW
TRIBAL GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP A LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR.”**

WHEREAS, the Crow Indian Reservation consists of 2.3 million acres of which
1,151,669 acres are owned in trust status by individual Crow Indians; and

WHEREAS, approximately 250,000 acres of individually owned trust lands are owned
by five or less owners in competent landownership status in accordance with the 1920 Crow
Act; and

WHEREAS, lands owned by six or more owners, managed by the Bureau of Indian
Affairs, include 125,637 individual ownership interests indicating that a significant portion of
trust lands are owned in highly fractionated interests; and

WHEREAS, individual land ownership in allotted lands is expected to continue to
fractionate rendering highly fractionated parcels difficult and costly to manage; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1500 applications for patents in fee have been filed by
Crow trust landowners with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the purpose of selling lands to
non-Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Executive Branch desires to protect its trust land base to
insure its jurisdiction and sovereign authority over the majority of lands within the exterior
boundaries of the Crow Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Executive Branch desires to develop comprehensive land
management plans including unitization of Reservation lands, conservation and protection of
trust lands in an effort to more effectively manage such lands and increase revenues generated
by such lands; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior has expressed a desire to provide the Crow
Tribe with adequate funding to implement a land acquisition program for the Crow Reservation
via federal legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Executive Branch has developed concepts with the Department of Interior to seek legislation that will allow the Crow Tribe to access an adequate line of credit to acquire fractionated lands from willing landowners; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Executive Branch has also sought access to funds to acquire Crow Tribal trust lands owned in competent status from willing sellers to prevent such lands from being sold to non-Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Executive Branch has also proposed that sufficient funds to acquire lands from landowners owning lands in violation of Section 2 of the 1920 Crow Act; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Executive Branch has proposed that the DOI provide an annual funding stream to the Tribe to accommodate the Tribe's management of acquired lands; and

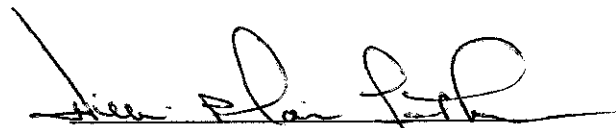
WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Executive Branch and the Department of Interior are currently negotiating the details of the Crow Land Acquisition Project to be finalized in federal legislation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES OF THE CROW TRIBE:

That the Crow Tribal Executive Branch is authorized to continue developing the Crow Land Acquisition Project and that the final draft of developed legislation will be presented to the Crow Tribal Legislature for approval or disapproval upon its completion.


CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Joint Action Resolution authorizing the Executive Branch to develop a land acquisition program was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained and that a quorum was present on this 14 day of July, 2004.



Speaker of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature

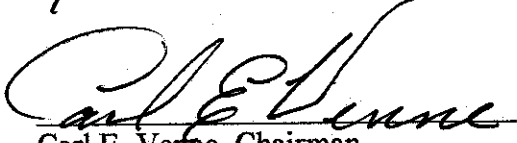
ATTEST:



Secretary, Crow Tribal Legislature

EXECUTIVE ACTION

I hereby X approve, _____ veto this Joint Action Resolution authorizing the Executive Branch to develop a land acquisition program, 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 10 day of July, 2004.


Carl E. Venne, Chairman
Crow Tribal Executive Branch

"Land Acquisition Program with the Dept
Dept. of Interior."

Bill or Resolution Number JAR 04-02
Representative

Introduced by: Executive Branch

Date of vote: 7/14/04

	Yes	No	Abstain
D. Goes Ahead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cloud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
O. Costa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Iron	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plain Feather	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crooked Arm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stewart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
L. Costa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Goes Ahead	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hogan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Old Elk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K. Real Bird	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medicine Horse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not Afraid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P. Real Bird	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wilson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Totals:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Results of Vote:

Passed

Not Passed

Tabled

Veto Override

Signature of Officer:

Plain Feather

Date:

July 14, 2004