

**OCTOBER 2009 REGULAR SESSION OF THE
CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION NO. LR09-08

**INTRODUCED BY SENATORS
C.J. STEWART, PAT ALDEN, AND LLOYD HOGAN**

**A LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
ENTITLED:**

**“A LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CROW PARENTS AND
CHILDREN IN THEIR EFFORTS TO REMOVE THE HARDIN SCHOOL
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN FROM
OFFICE”**

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Legislature is authorized to adopt resolutions, regulations and guidelines for the governance of the Crow Tribe of Indians pursuant to Article V, Section 2(a) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Tribe of Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Legislature has a special concern for the education and welfare of Crow children; and

WHEREAS, dozens of our constituents who have children in the Hardin school district have grown increasingly concerned with the conduct of Superintendent Al Peterson over the past weeks and months as he has been involved with and serving as the spokesman for the Two Rivers Authority; and

WHEREAS, these constituents are especially concerned that the Superintendent has been active in trying to bring convicted sex offenders and terrorists to our area without concern for the welfare of our children; and

WHEREAS, these general concerns that the Superintendent is neglecting the welfare of our Crow children intensified when Superintendent Peterson was quoted in the Billings Gazette as making defamatory remarks about Big Horn County Sheriff Pete Big Hair, a Crow Indian; and

WHEREAS, the sponsors of this resolution with parents from our districts attended the Hardin School Board meeting on Tuesday October 13th to express the concerns of our constituents but found that our concerns fell on deaf ears despite the fact that 76% of the district's children are Native American and most of those are Crow tribal members; and

WHEREAS, during the course of that meeting, Board Chairman Dick Imer defended Superintendent Peterson rather than respond to constituent concerns and also made insensitive and racist remarks unbecoming a public official with responsibility for the education of Crow children; and

WHEREAS, as public officials, it is our duty to help to provide our children with a supportive educational environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Legislative Branch of the Crow Tribe of Indians hereby does proclaim support for the Crow parents in calling for the removal of Superintendent Peterson and Chairman Imer; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Branch of the Crow Tribe urges the Montana Office of Public Instruction and other state and federal agencies including the Montana State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee and the Montana Governor's office to work with the Tribe in providing a just educational framework for the education of our children.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this LR09-08 "A LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CROW PARENTS AND CHILDREN IN THEIR EFFORTS TO REMOVE THE HARDIN SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN FROM OFFICE" was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained and that a quorum was present on this 15TH day of October Regular Session 2009.

Beverly Shane _____ *Pro Tem*
Speaker of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Secretary, Crow Tribal Legislature *Pro Tem*



LR- Supporting Crow Parents and Children in their efforts to remove the Hardin High School District Superintendent and School Board Chairman from Office.

Bill or Resolution Number: LR09-08 **Introduced by:** Legislative Branch **Date of Vote:** 10/15/2009

<u>Representative:</u>	Yes	No	Abstained
B. House	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
E. Fighter, Sr.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
C. J. Stewart	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
L. Hogan, Jr.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
S. Fitzpatrick, Jr.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
O. Half, Jr.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
W. Plainfeather	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
R. Old Crow, Sr.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
P. Alden, Jr.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Not Afraid	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
V. Crooked Arm	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
L. Plain Bull, Sr.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
C. Goes Ahead	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
O. Costa	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Stone, Sr.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
D. Wilson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
B. Shane <i>Secretary of the House</i>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Covers Up, Sr. <i>Speaker of the House</i>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Totals:	<u> 15 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u>

Result of Vote:

Passed

Not Passed

Tabled

Veto-Override

Beverly Shane
 Senator Beverly M. Shane _____ Date
 Speaker Pro-Tem

R. Knute Old Crow, Sr. 10/16/09
 Senator R. Knute Old Crow, Sr. _____ Date
 Secretary Pro-Tem