

**APRIL 2015 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

**BILL NO. CLB 15-05**

INTRODUCED BY DARRIN OLD COYOTE, CHAIRMAN  
CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH

**A BILL ENTITLED: “SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF  
INCORPORATION OF ABSALOKA CASINO ENTERPRISES, INC.”**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article V, Section 2(a) of the 2001 Crow Tribal Constitution, the Crow Tribal Legislature (hereinafter, the “Legislature”) is vested with the power and duty to promulgate and adopt laws, resolutions, ordinances, codes, regulations, and guidelines in accordance with the 2001 Crow Constitution and federal laws;

**WHEREAS**, on January 14, 1994, the Crow Tribe (hereinafter, the “Tribe”) adopted Articles of Incorporation to establish a wholly-owned corporation called the Absaloka Casino Enterprises, Inc. (“ACE”) to operate a casino on lands within the jurisdiction of the Tribe; and,

**WHEREAS**, on October 11, 1994, the Tribe adopted the First Amendment to the ACE Article of Incorporation; and,

**WHEREAS**, since 1994, the Tribe and ACE developed the first casino at Crow Agency called the “Bighorn Casino”; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, the Tribe secured a loan and built a new Casino called the “Apsaalooke Nights Casino”, which replaced the Bighorn Casino; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe and ACE continue to explore new gaming opportunities including the new casino gaming projects currently underway at the Fort Smith market, and the grandstands at Crow Agency; and,

**WHEREAS**, the operation of the existing casino and the development of the new project require the full time and expertise of the ACE Board and its Executive Director to ensure the success of these projects; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe is currently exploring additional gaming opportunities in new markets near urban areas such as Billings, which requires the time and expertise of a number of professional trades including financing, contracting, and law; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature finds it in the best interests of the Tribe to clarify the duties of the ACE Corporation to ensure the efficient and professional management of the various gaming enterprises and projects of the Tribe;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Crow Tribe Legislature hereby enacts the following amendment to replace the THIRD paragraph of the ACE Articles of Incorporation:

THIRD: The purpose of the corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the Crow Constitution and Bylaws specifically including, but not limited to, the ownership, development, management and operation of a Tribal casino and additional Tribal gaming activities and facilities on lands within the jurisdiction of the Crow Tribe; provided, that the corporation shall not exercise any authority or oversight of any gaming development project in, or within forty (40) miles of, Billings, Montana, and; provided further, that any such gaming development project shall have the first priority to utilize the allowable Class III gaming machines as indicated in the Gaming Compact between the Tribe and the State of Montana. In furtherance of said purposes, the corporation shall have and may exercise all of the rights, powers and privileges now or hereafter conferred upon corporations organized under the laws of the Crow Indian Tribe. In addition, the corporation may do everything necessary, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of any of its corporate purposes.

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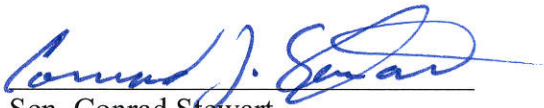
### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Bill for an Act entitled “**SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF ABSALOKA CASINO ENTERPRISES, INC.**” was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained, and that a quorum was present on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2015.



Sen. R. Knute Old Crow, Sr  
Speaker of the House  
Crow Tribal Legislature

**ATTEST:**



Sen. Conrad Stewart  
Secretary Pro Tem  
Crow Tribal Legislature

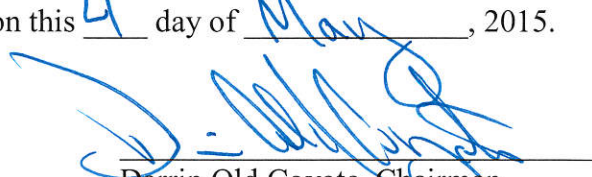


### EXECUTIVE ACTION

I hereby

  X   **APPROVE**  
      **VETO**

this Bill for an Act entitled “**SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF ABSALOKA CASINO ENTERPRISES, INC.**” 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 4 day of May, 2015.



Darrin Old Coyote, Chairman  
Crow Tribal Executive Branch

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**Bill or Resolution:** CLB15-05 **Introduced by:** Chairman Darrin Old Coyote **Date of Vote:** 4/22/2015  
**Number**

<u><b>Representative:</b></u>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
G. Three Irons	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
B. Rogers	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
P. Hill	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
E. Birdinground	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
A.Coyote-Runs, Sr.	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
V. Nomee	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
T. Gros Ventre	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
P. Alden, Jr.	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
V. Crooked Arm	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
P. Spotted Horse, Sr.	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
L. DeCrane	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
C. Goes Ahead	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
B. Hugs	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
G. Real Bird, Jr.	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
B. Good Luck	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
G. Stewart	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
C. Stewart <i>Secretary Pro-Tem</i>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
R. Old Crow, Sr. <i>Speaker of the House</i>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Totals:</b>	<u>  14  </u>	<u>    0    </u>	<u>    0    </u>


Result of Vote:

**Passed**


**Not Passed**

**Tabled**

**Veto-Override**

  
Senator R. Knute Old Crow, Sr.  
Speaker of the House

Date

  
Senator Conrad J. Stewart  
Secretary Pro-Tem

Date