

JANUARY 2015 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

LR No. 15-02

Introduced by the Conrad J. Stewart
Black Lodge District

A Legislative Resolution Titled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL AND
REPLACE HOUSE RULE 32 TO REQUIRE SWORN TESTIMONY FROM ALL
PERSONS SEEKING TO PRESENT TO THE LEGISLATURE OR ANY
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Legislative Findings:

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Legislature (hereinafter “Legislature”) has the power and duty under Article V, Section 2 of the Crow Tribal Constitution to promulgate and adopt resolutions in accordance with the Tribal Constitution and federal laws for the governance of the Crow Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 3 of the Crow Tribal Constitution provides that the Legislature shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the most current version of Robert’s Rules of Order and any rules of conduct duly adopted by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, during the July 5, 2011 special session, the Legislature adopted Legislative Resolution No. 11-10 (titled “A Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature to Require Written Authorization from the Executive Branch Chairman for any Non-Elected Executive Branch Employee or Official to Make Decisions or Express Opinions Concerning Tribal Legislation on Behalf of the Chairman”), which established a new House Rule 32; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of LR No. 11-10 was to ensure the Legislature would be able to act in good faith reliance on any representations or statements regarding pending legislation made by any non-elected Executive Branch officer or employee; and

WHEREAS, from the time of its enactment House Rule 32 has not been enforced and the Legislature now seeks to repeal and replace Rule 32 with a new rule requiring a sworn oath to be administered to any tribal official or member of the public seeking to address pending legislation or legislative resolutions before the Legislature and Legislative Committees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE IN
REGULAR SESSION:**

Section 1. Repeal of LR No. 11-10. LR No. 11-10 is hereby repealed in its entirety and made null and void as a matter of law.

Section 2. New House Rule 32. Upon the effective date of this resolution, Rule 32 of the Legislative Branch Rules of Order shall now read as follows:

**Rule 32: Sworn Testimony Required for All Persons Providing Comment or
Opinion on Proposed Legislation and Legislative Resolutions.**

- (A) All persons, excluding elected Executive Branch Officers and Tribal Court Judges, shall be required to swear-in with a testimonial oath prior to providing any comment or opinion to the full Legislature or a legislative committee concerning any pending legislation or legislative resolutions. It shall be within the discretion of the Speaker of the House or Committee Chairman, as applicable, to require a testimonial oath, for any person seeking to provide comment or opinion on matters not directly associated with any proposed legislation or legislative resolutions.**
- (B) The oath shall be administered by the Sergeant at Arms, or such other person as may be designated by the Speaker of the House or Committee Chairman, as applicable.**
- (C) The testimonial oath shall be as follows: "I [insert name] do solemnly swear that the testimony I am about to provide is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth before this Honorable [Committee/Legislature], so help me God."**
- (D) Any person found by the Legislature or a legislative committee to knowingly provide false information while under oath pursuant to this Rule shall be deemed in contempt of the Legislature and may be excluded from any further session or meeting of the Legislature and/or publicly reprimanded. Upon a majority vote of the full Legislature, any person found in contempt of the Legislature under this Rule shall be referred to the Tribal Prosecutor under allegations of false swearing or perjury, CLOC 2005, 8B-7-202.**

Section 3. Effective Date. This Legislative Resolution shall take effect immediately upon being duly adopted by the Legislature.

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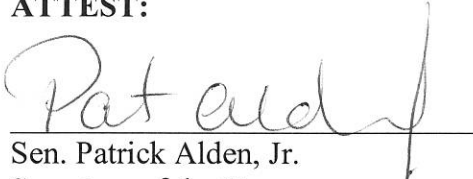
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Legislative Resolution titled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE HOUSE RULE 32 TO REQUIRE SWORN TESTIMONY FROM ALL PERSONS SEEKING TO PRESENT TO THE LEGISLATURE OR ANY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**, was duly adopted by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained and that a quorum was present on the 22nd day of January 2015.



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

ATTEST:



Sen. Patrick Alden, Jr.
Secretary of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature



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Bill or Resolution: LR15-02 **Introduced by:** Sen. Conrad J Stewart **Date of Vote:** 1/22/2015
Number

<u>Representative:</u>	Yes	No	Abstained
G. Three Irons	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
B. Rogers	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
C. J. Stewart	<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> </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> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
C. Goes Ahead	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
B. Hugs	<u> </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>
P. Alden, Jr. <i>Secretary of the House</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>
Totals:	<u> 15 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u>

Result of Vote:

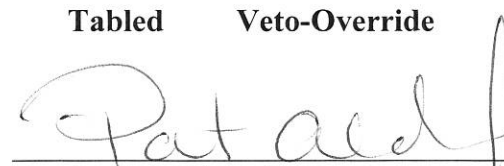
Passed

Not Passed

Tabled

Veto-Override

 1-28-15
Senator R. Knute Old Crow, Sr. Date
Speaker of the House

 1-28-15
Senator Pat Alden, Jr. Date
Secretary of the House