INTRODUCTION

JANUARY 2005 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE: BILL NO. CLB05-08

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: “AN ACT TO ADOPT THE 2005 CROW LAW AND ORDER CODE”

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Crow Tribe makes reference to the adoption and enforcement of the Crow Law and Order Code; and

WHEREAS, prior to adoption of the Constitution of 2001, many ordinances and codes were enacted by the Crow Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Constitution provides for separation of powers and contemplates that revisions, amendments, and additions to the Crow Law and Order Code will be accomplished through legislative enactment and executive branch approval; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for the safety, security, economic development, and good order of the Crow Nation for the Crow Law and Order Code to be understandable and accessible to members of the Tribe, other citizens residing within the exterior boundaries of the Crow Reservation, and other persons, agencies, programs, businesses, and governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to recognize a current, official version of the Code in order to provide for the orderly enforcement and development of the laws of the Crow people; and

WHEREAS, the interests of the Crow Nation will be served by adoption of the 2005 Crow Law and Order Code;

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

Section 1. The 2005 Crow Law and Order Code is adopted as provided herein.

Section 2. Adoption of the 2005 Crow Law and Order Code does not repeal any act, ordinance, or resolution which was previously adopted by a duly constituted meeting of the Crow Tribal Council prior to 2002. The effectiveness of such official actions is governed by the following:

CLB02-14: “RATIFYING AND RECOGNIZING ALL EXISTING CROW TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS THAT DO NOT CONFLICT WITH THE NEW CONSTITUTION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THOSE RESOLUTIONS ARE REPEALED DIRECTLY OR REPEALED THROUGH PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION BY THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE.” PASSED MARCH 12, 2002. APPROVED BY CHAIRMAN BIRDINGROUND, WITHOUT DATE.

Section 3. Upon enactment of this Bill by the Crow Tribal Legislature and approval of the Chairman of the Executive Branch, the 2005 Crow Law and Order Code is adopted with an immediate effective date.

[Duly enacted by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained on the 12TH day of April, 2005. Approved by Chairman Carl E. Venne on the 5TH day of May, 2005.]