

**CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
DECEMBER 15, 2015 SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL NO. CLB15-13**

INTRODUCED BY DARRIN OLD COYOTE, CHAIRMAN  
CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH

**A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED:**

**“APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CROW  
TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AND THE EXPENDITURE OF TRIBAL REVENUE FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2016.”**

**WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section 3(d) of the Crow Tribal Constitution and Bylaws requires the Executive Branch of the Crow Tribal Government to prepare an annual budget for the operation of the Tribal Government, including separate budgets for the Legislative and Judicial Branches, for approval by the Legislative Branch and the Secretary of the Interior; and

**WHEREAS**, Article V, Section 2(e) of the Constitution empowers the Legislative Branch to grant final approval or disapproval of the annual budget prepared by the Executive Branch; and

**WHEREAS**, CLB15-12, an Act providing for a partial-year Interim Budget covering the period October 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015 in order to continue the operations of the Crow Tribal Government was enacted by the Legislature and approved by the Chairman of the Executive Branch on October 1, 2015, to be replaced by a full annual budget for the 2016 fiscal year for approval by the Legislature in a Special Session prior to December 31, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, a budget for the expenditure of Crow Tribal revenue has been developed by the Executive Branch for the full Fiscal Year 2016 commencing on October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016 from the following sources of Tribal revenue:

<b>1. General Fund of the Crow Tribe</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,058,518</b>
<b>2. 107<sup>th</sup> Judgment Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,776,668</b>
<b>3. Indirect Cost Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>2,450,000</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>24,285,186</b>

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Branch has presented the attached line item budget for all three branches of the Crow Tribal Government;

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

**Section 1. Approval of the 2016 fiscal year budget for the expenditure of Crow Tribal revenue.** The attached 2016 fiscal year budget for the operation of the Crow Tribal Government and the expenditure of Tribal revenues prepared by the Executive Branch and reviewed by the Legislative Branch is hereby approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature.

**Section 2. 2016 fiscal year budget amendments, when required.** All additional, un-budgeted revenues received by the Crow Tribe during the 2016 fiscal year shall be available for expenditure to address Tribal Cash Liabilities, as identified in this Act, with the Executive Branch having the discretion to determine relative priorities of the Cash Liabilities to be addressed; provided that all additional, un-budgeted revenues received by the Crow Tribe will be reported by the Executive Branch to the Finance Committee of the Legislature on a quarterly basis; provided further that, in the event all Tribal Cash Liabilities are addressed with additional, un-budgeted revenues, authorization for expenditure of additional funds shall be through duly-adopted amendments to the fiscal year 2016 tribal budget subject to Section 3(D) of the 2007 Crow Tribe Fiscal Management Act. As used in this Section 2, "additional un-budgeted revenues" shall mean (a) all unencumbered revenues from sources not expressly included in this Act, and (b) additional revenue from sources that are expressly included in this Act to the extent that such additional revenue exceeds, in the aggregate, the total amount of revenue budgeted in this Act.


**Section 3. Tribal mineral royalties, special per-capita account.** In addition to the amounts provided for in the attached 2016 fiscal year budget, all mineral royalties paid to the credit of the Crow Tribe shall be directly deposited by the Office of Special Trustee in a special tribal revenue account separate and apart from the Crow Tribal General Fund and shall only be available for expenditure for the purpose of per-capita distribution to the enrolled tribal membership. Any additional mineral royalties received shall also be directly deposited into the special revenue account described herein and shall be distributed via per-capita payments to the enrolled tribal membership.

**Section 4.** This Act replaces and supersedes the partial-year FY2016 Interim Budget enacted by CLB15-12. Further, this Act shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Tribal Chairman.


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## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Bill for an Act entitled “**APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CROW TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AND THE EXPENDITURE OF TRIBAL REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016**” was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained, and that a quorum was present on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

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

ATTEST:

  
Sen. Patrick Alden, Jr.  
Secretary  
Crow Tribal Legislature

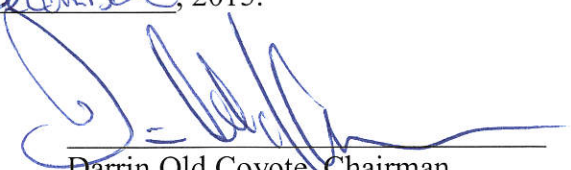


## EXECUTIVE ACTION

I hereby

☒ **APPROVE**  
☐ **VETO**

this Bill for an Act entitled “**APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CROW TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AND THE EXPENDITURE OF TRIBAL REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016**” 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 15 day of December, 2015.

  
Darrin Old Coyote, Chairman  
Crow Tribal Executive Branch

**A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CROW TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AND THE EXPENDITURE OF TRIBAL REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016"**

**Bill or Resolution:** CLB15-13 **Introduced by:** Chairman Darrin Old Coyote **Date of Vote:** 12/15/2015  
**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>
F. White Clay	<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>
S. Real Bird	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
V. Nomee	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
T. Gros Ventre	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
V. Crooked Arm	<u>          </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>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
B. Hugs	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
G. Real Bird, Jr.	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>
B. Good Luck	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
H. Male Bear, Jr.	<u>  X  </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>
<b>Totals:</b>	<u>  13  </u>	<u>    0    </u>	<u>    1    </u>

Result of Vote:

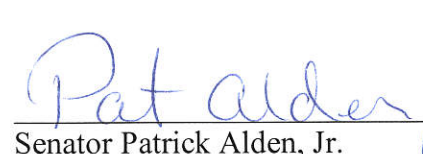
**Passed**

Not Passed

Tabled

Veto-Override

 12-15-15  
 Senator R. Knute Old Crow, Sr.      Date  
 Speaker of the House

 12-17-15  
 Senator Patrick Alden, Jr.      Date  
 Secretary of the House