

APRIL 2006 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION NO. JAR06-05

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

JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH
AND THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE ENTITLED:

**“RESOLUTION TO ASSIST CROW VETERANS TO OBTAIN BENEFITS
EARNED THROUGH THEIR SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES BY CREATING
AN OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS”**

WHEREAS, many members of the Crow Tribe currently serve and have previously served the United States as members of the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Crow veterans are entitled to access and receive the same benefits and privileges as other veterans; and

WHEREAS, many Crow veterans have not received the veterans benefits to which they are entitled; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Legislature and the Executive Branch of the Crow Tribe are committed to supporting the rights of Crow veterans;

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

That the Crow Tribal Legislature acting jointly with the Crow Tribal Executive Branch hereby requests the Chairman of the Executive Branch and his designees to create the Crow Office of Veterans Affairs to assist members of the Crow Tribe who are veterans to obtain all rights, privileges and benefits to which they are entitled by virtue of their service in the armed forces of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That in creating the Crow Office of Veterans Affairs (COVA) the following policies, programs and possibilities be considered:

1. The COVA should appoint a Tribal Veteran Representative (TVR) to assist all Crow veterans, upon their request, with all questions related to their rights, benefits and privileges.

2. The TVR should coordinate with the Tribal Outreach Worker affiliated with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
3. The TVR should participate in and arrange training for Crow veterans and others concerning availability of and access to benefits, programs and opportunities of interest.
4. The TVR should coordinate veterans services with federal, state, local and tribal offices and programs dealing with benefits for veterans.
5. The TVR should investigate whether participation in national efforts to recognize and support American Indian veterans would be of benefit to Crow veterans, such as the proposed formation of National American Indian Veterans, Inc., which would have the same status as other veterans organizations such as the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
6. The COVA should convene a meeting of all Crow veterans to seek their advice and counsel concerning their needs and recommendations for the objectives of the Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Executive Branch provide a status report to the Legislative Branch annually concerning the implementation of this Resolution.

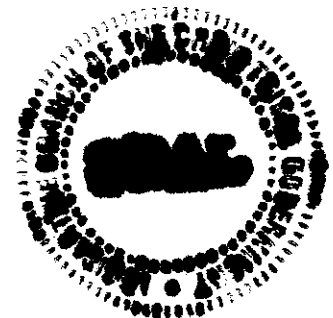
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Joint Action Resolution to Assist Crow Veterans to Obtain Benefits was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 17 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained, and that a quorum was present on this 18th day of April, 2006.


Speaker of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST:

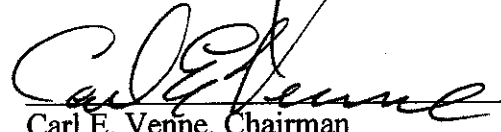

Secretary, Crow Tribal Legislature



EXECUTIVE ACTION

I hereby
 approve
 veto

this Joint Action Resolution to Assist Crow Veterans to Obtain Benefits 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 19 day of March, 2006.


Carl E. Verne, Chairman
Crow Tribal Executive Branch

"Office of Veteran's Affairs"

Bill or Resolution Number JAR06-05 Introduced by: Executive Date of Vote: April 18, 2006
Branch

<u>Representative:</u>	Yes	No	Abstain
L. Plain Bull	✓		
O. Costa	✓		
V. Crooked Arm	✓		
M. Not Afraid	✓		
R. Iron	✓		
B. House	✓		
E. Fighter	✓		
L. Hogan	✓		
S. Fitzpatrick	✓		
K. Real Bird	✓		
M. Covers Up	✓		
R. Old Crow			
L. Not Afraid	✓		
B. Shane	✓		
J. Stone	✓		
D. Wilson	✓		
L. Costa <i>Secretary of the House</i>	✓		
D. Goes Ahead <i>Speaker of the House</i>	✓		
Totals:	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Result of Vote:

Passed Not Passed Tabled Veto Override

Signature Officer: Carlson, Joshua Date: 4-18-2006