

**MAY 7, 2013 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

**JAR No. 13-13**

Introduced by Chairman Darrin Old Coyote  
Crow Tribal Executive Branch

A Joint Action Resolution Titled:

**A JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION OF THE CROW NATION TO CLAIM AND ASSERT  
ALL TREATY RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES, INCLUDING SOVEREIGN RIGHTS TO  
LAND, WATER, AIR, AND OTHER TRIBAL PROPERTY OF THE CROW INDIAN  
NATION**

Legislative Findings:

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribe and the United States, as a matter of treaty law, do each recognize the original hand-written “pen and ink” form of the Treaties of 1825, 1851, and 1868, which were agreed to by the Tribe for the protection of the Crow people and all tribal property rights, individual rights, and in recognition of the territorial governing authority of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribe, also known as the “Apsaalooke Nation” or the “Crow Nation,” is a federally-recognized sovereign tribal nation with all inherent rights, privileges, and powers as a self-governing nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribe, being a “nation within a nation” and a long-time ally with the United States, has never taken up arms against the United States and acknowledges the protection of the federal government in maintaining national security and the trust relationship with the Secretary of the Interior for the protection and advancement of tribal and individual property and cultural rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribe acknowledges and respects all Acts of Congress made which further recognize the sovereign authority of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the chiefs and head-men of the Crow Tribe who entered into treaties with the United States were guided by visions and, with their prayers to the Creator, held a faith that the treaties would remain in full force and effect for all perpetuity unless mutually agreed upon by the parties.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH  
AND LEGISLATURE IN SPECIAL SESSION:**

That the Crow Tribe of Indians, also known as the Apsaalooke Nation (“Children of the Large-Beaked Bird”) of the United States of America do hereby decree and declare as a nation within a nation that the Treaties of 1825, 1851, and 1868 entered into between the Crow Tribe and the

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United States, as agreed, interpreted, and understood by the original tribal signatories shall be considered the supreme law of the Crow Nation. Any laws passed by the United States Congress which are contrary to the Treaties shall not be considered to abrogate, supersede, amend, or replace the Treaties without the expressed consent of the Crow Tribe.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Crow Nation hereby reclaims and reasserts all treaty rights and privileges, including but not limited to sovereign tribal rights to land, water, air, minerals, fish and wildlife, and other tribal property of the Crow Nation. Provided that, nothing herein this Tribal Resolution shall be considered a modification to the *Water Rights Compact Entered Into Between the State of Montana, Crow Tribe, and United States of America* or a disapproval of the relinquishment of specified tribal water rights and claims as contained in the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act.

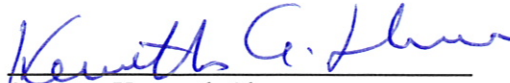
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:**

This Tribal Resolution shall become effective immediately upon being duly adopted by the Legislature and approved by the Executive Branch Chairman.

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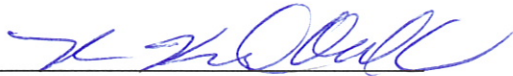
### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Joint Action Resolution titled **A JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBE TO CLAIM AND ASSERT ALL TREATY RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES, INCLUDING SOVEREIGN RIGHTS TO LAND, WATER, AIR, AND OTHER TRIBAL PROPERTY OF THE CROW INDIAN RESERVATION** was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained and that a quorum was present on this 7th day of May, 2013.



Senator Kenneth Shane  
Speaker of the House  
Crow Tribal Legislature

Attest:



Senator R. Knute Old Crow  
Secretary  
Crow Tribal Legislature

### EXECUTIVE ACTION

I hereby:

X approve  
       veto



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Chairman Darrin Old Coyote  
Crow Tribal Executive Branch

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INCLUDING SOVEREIGN RIGHTS TO LAND, WATER, AIR, AND OTHER TRIBAL PROPERTY OF THE CROW INDIAN NATION

**Bill or Resolution:** JAR13-13 **Introduced by:** Chairman Darrin Old Coyote **Date of Vote:** 5/7/2013  
**Number**

<u><b>Representative:</b></u>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
H. Two Leggins	_____	_____	_____
V. Pretty Paint	_____	_____	_____
C. J. Stewart	X	_____	_____
L. Other Medicine	X	_____	_____
A.Coyote-Runs, Sr.	X	_____	_____
L. Not Afraid.	X	_____	_____
M. Covers Up, Sr.	X	_____	_____
P. Alden, Jr.	_____	_____	_____
M. Not Afraid	X	_____	_____
V. Crooked Arm	X	_____	_____
L. DeCrane	X	_____	_____
C. Goes Ahead	X	_____	_____
B. Hugs	X	_____	_____
G. Real Bird, Jr.	_____	_____	_____
M. Backbone	_____	_____	_____
G. Stewart	X	_____	_____
R. K. Old Crow, Sr.	X	_____	_____
<i>Secretary of the House</i>			
K. Shane	X	_____	_____
<i>Speaker of the House</i>			
<b>Totals:</b>	13	0	0


Result of Vote:

**Passed**

Not Passed

Tabled

Veto-Override

  
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Senator Kenneth G. Shane                      Date  
Speaker of the House

  
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Senator R. Knute Old Crow, Sr.                      Date  
Secretary of the House