

# January 2011 Regular Session of the Crow Tribal Legislature

## Legislative Resolution No. LR11-01

Introduced by Senator Woodrow Plainfeather (Lodge Grass District)  
Chairman of the Surface Land Committee

A Legislative Resolution Titled:

### **A Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature to Provide Notice to All Crow Tribal Members and Other Interested Persons of the Proper Legal Procedure for Carrying Out Land Exchanges with the Crow Tribe**

Legislative Findings:

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribal Legislature (“Legislature”) has the power and duty to adopt resolutions and guidelines for the governance of the Crow Tribe of Indians in accordance with Article 5, Section 2(a) of the 2001 Constitution and federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribal Executive Branch (“Executive Branch”) has the power and duty to negotiate and approve or prevent any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of Tribal lands, interests in lands or other Tribal assets, including buffalo, minerals, gas and oil in accordance with Article IV, Section 3(f) of the 2001 Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, under Article V, Section 2(d) of the 2001 Constitution the Legislature must give final approval or disapproval of items negotiated by the Executive Branch pertinent to the sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of Tribal lands, interests in lands or mineral assets provided that a process for such approval or disapproval may be established by legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, during the April 2005 Regular Session the Legislature passed CLB 05-11 titled “An Act to Amend the Crow Law and Order Code to Provide Procedures for Joint Action Resolutions,” by an 8-7 vote and which Executive Branch Chairman Carl Venne signed into law on May 2, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, CLB 05-11 is codified in Title 1, Chapter 2 of the 2005 Crow Law and Order Code and is currently the statutory process for approval or disapproval by the Legislature of items negotiated by the Executive Branch pertinent to tribal land dispositions as required by Article V, Section 2 (d) of the 2001 Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature takes notice of the fact there are currently public misunderstandings regarding the appropriate and lawful procedure for carrying out land exchanges with the Crow Tribe.

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

**Section 1. Established legislation governing procedure for final approval of tribal land dispositions.**

The Legislature hereby informs the public at large, and particularly all interested Crow tribal members, of the Crow tribal law enacted by passage of CLB 05-11 that requires a joint action resolution to approve any land exchange involving Crow tribal land or interests in land.

**Section 2. Negotiating power to be exercised by all four duly-elected Executive Branch officials.**

The Legislature hereby provides notice to the Executive Branch, the public at large, and particularly all interested Crow tribal members, of the authority under Article IV, Section 3 (f) of the 2001 Constitution that each of the four elected Executive Branch Officials share concerning negotiating and giving preliminary approval to any tribal land disposition. Accordingly, the Legislature hereby establishes a policy of requiring any introduced joint action resolution involving a proposal to exchange Crow tribal land or interests in land to include written concurrences from each of the following: the Chairman of the Executive Branch, the Vice-Chairman of the Executive Branch, the Secretary of the Executive Branch, and the Vice-Secretary of the Executive Branch.

**Section 3. Notice.**

This resolution shall be provided to all parties of interest, as determined by the Speaker of the House and the Secretary of the Legislature.


**Section 4. Effective Date.**

The policy as described in this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Legislature.

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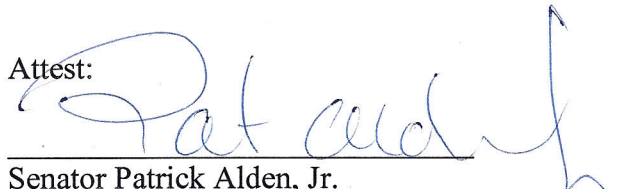
**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Resolution titled **A Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature to Provide Notice to All Crow Tribal Members and Other Interested Persons of the Proper Legal Procedure for Carrying Out Land Exchanges with the Crow Tribe** was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained and that a quorum was present on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011.



Senator Manuel Covers Up, Sr.  
Speaker of the House,  
Crow Tribal Legislature

Attest:



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





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Bill or Resolution: LR11-01 Introduced by: Senator W. Plainfeather Date of Vote: 01/18/2011  
 Number

<u>Representative:</u>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
H. Two Leggins	X	_____	_____
V. Pretty Paint	X	_____	_____
C. J. Stewart	X	_____	_____
K. Shane	X	_____	_____
S. Backbone	X	_____	_____
O. Half, Jr.	X	_____	_____
W. Plainfeather	X	_____	_____
R. Old Crow, Sr.	X	_____	_____
M. Not Afraid	X	_____	_____
V. Crooked Arm	X	_____	_____
L. DeCrane	X	_____	_____
C. Goes Ahead	X	_____	_____
B. Hugs	X	_____	_____
G. Real Bird, Jr.	X	_____	_____
M. Backbone	_____	_____	_____
D. Wilson	_____	_____	_____
P. Alden, Jr. <i>Secretary of the House</i>	X	_____	_____
M. Covers Up, Sr. <i>Speaker of the House</i>	X	_____	_____
<b>Totals:</b>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>


Result of Vote:

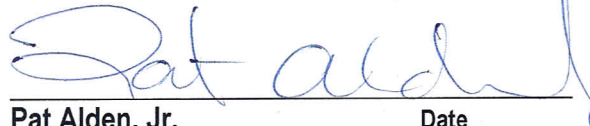
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 Speaker of the House  
 Date

  
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 Pat Alden, Jr.  
 Secretary of the House  
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## OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY

I, Pat Alden, Jr. Secretary of the Legislative Branch of the Crow Tribal Government hereby  
this Transitional Action do deliver a True and Correct Official copy

Of the Final Approval for the following:

Introduced by Senator Woodrow Plainfeather

Chairman of Surface Land Committee

Lodge Grass District

**A LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION TITLED:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE  
NOTICE TO ALL CROW TRIBAL MEMBERS AND OTHER INTERESTED  
PERSONS OF THE PROPER LEGAL PROCEDURE FOR CARRYING OUT  
LAND EXCHANGES WITH THE CROW TRIBE.**

LR11-01 to Janie Pretty Paint in the

Position of: Secretary for the

Crow Tribal Executive Branch.

Done and dated this 10 day of Feb, 2011 @ 11.50 a.m./p.m.

Pat Alden Jr.  
Secretary Of The House  
Legislative Branch of the  
Crow Tribal Government

Served by:  
Jackie Blacksmith  
Legislative Branch Staff



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**LR11-01** to Dean Bird in the  
**Position of:** Court clerk for the  
**Crow Tribal Judicial Branch.**

**Done and dated this** 10th **day of** February, 2011 @ 3:37 **a.m./p.m.**

Pat Alden Jr.  
Secretary Of The House  
Legislative Branch of the  
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Served by:  
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