

**AUGUST 29TH, 2012 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CROW TRIBAL  
LEGISLATURE**

**LR No. 12-09**

Introduced by Sen. Kenneth G. Shane, Center Lodge District

A Legislative Resolution Titled:

**A Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature to Call a Meeting of the  
Crow Tribal General Council for the Purpose of Receiving a Report from  
the Legislature**

Legislative Findings:

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribal Legislature (hereinafter "Legislature") has the power and duty under Article V, Section 2(a) of the 2001 Crow Constitution and Bylaws (hereinafter "2001 Constitution") to promulgate and adopt resolutions in accordance with the 2001 Constitution and federal laws for the governance of the Crow Tribe of Indians; and

**WHEREAS**, Article I of the 2001 Constitution provides that the traditional name of the governing body of the Crow Tribe is the Apsaalooke Nation General Council and shall be known formally as the Crow Tribal General Council, which shall consist of all enrolled tribal members age eighteen (18) or older who are entitled to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, all sovereign authority of the Crow Tribe of Indians is held by the Crow Tribal General Council (hereinafter "General Council") and the three branches of Crow Tribal Government act under tribal authority as delegated by the General Council through the 2001 Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, Article I of the 2001 Constitution provides that the General Council shall meet biannually for the purposes of receiving information from the Executive and Legislative Branches; and

**WHEREAS**, Article V, Section 6 of the 2001 Constitution provides that the members of the Legislature are responsible for meeting with and informing their District constituents at least 30 days before the commencement of each legislative session; and

WHEREAS, the General Council has only met once since July 14th, 2001, which is the day of the General Council session in which the 2001 Constitution was adopted; and

WHEREAS, many Crow Indians feel their voice is severely weakened as a result of no Crow Tribal Council meetings taking place for a full decade; and

WHEREAS, there is a great need to bring transparency and accountability into the operations of Crow Tribal Government and the 2001 Constitution has established a means by which the General Council can receive full reports from the elected leadership in both the Executive Branch and Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch recently called for a September 1st General Council meeting without any consultation or communication with the Legislature as to the date, time, or agenda of the meeting and in an apparent attempt to place political pressure on the Senators; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature now seeks to call for a General Council meeting for the purpose of providing a report to the Crow people without any improper Executive Branch control of the meeting.

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

**Section 1. General Council Meeting.**

There shall be a Crow Tribal General Council meeting held on September 12th, 2012 at the Edison Real Bird Memorial Complex grandstand, or the Center Lodge District Hall in the event of inclement weather. The meeting shall begin at 5:00 p.m. and shall be for the purpose of the Crow Tribal Legislature providing a report to the General Council. The meeting shall last until such time as the elected Senators have had the opportunity to make full reports to and receive questions from the General Council members in attendance.

The meeting agenda shall be prepared by the Speaker of the House, with the advice of the Secretary of the Legislature. The applicable rules of order shall be Robert's Rules of Order and the Legislative Branch Rules of Order, where applicable. Accordingly, the Speaker of the House shall serve as presiding officer of the General Council meeting. The Speaker of the House shall make all necessary efforts to provide that the General Council is given adequate public notice of the date, time, location, and agenda of the upcoming General Council meeting.

**Section 2. Future General Council Meetings.**

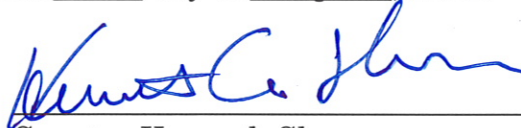
Until such time as a procedure for calling future General Council meetings is established by Crow tribal law or by agreement between the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch, the Legislature may by majority vote in session call future General Council meetings from time to time.

**Section 3. Effective Date.**

This tribal resolution shall take effect immediately upon being duly adopted by the Crow Tribal Legislature.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Legislative Resolution titled **A Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature to Call a Meeting of the Crow Tribal General Council for the Purpose of Receiving a Report from the Legislature** was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained and that a quorum was present on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.



Senator Kenneth Shane  
Speaker of the House  
Crow Tribal Legislature

Attest:



Senator R. Knute Old Crow  
Secretary  
Crow Tribal Legislature



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Bill or Resolution No: LR12-09 Introduced by: Legislature Date of Vote: 8/29/2012

<b><u>Representative:</u></b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAINED</b>
H. Two Leggins	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
V. Pretty Paint	<b>X</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
C.J. Stewart	<b>X</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
S. Backbone, Sr.	<b>X</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
A. Coyote Runs, Sr.	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
L. Not Afraid	<b>X</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
M. Covers Up, Sr.	<b>X</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
P. Alden, Jr.	<b>X</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
M. Not Afraid	<b>X</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
V. Crooked Arm	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
L. DeCrane	<b>X</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
C. Goes Ahead	<b>X</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
B. Hugs	<b>X</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
G. Real Bird, Jr.	<b>X</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
M. Backbone	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
D. Wilson	<b>X</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
R. Old Crow, Sr.	<b>X</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<i>Secretary of the House</i>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
K. Shane	<b>X</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<i>Speaker of the House</i>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Result of Vote:

**Passed**

Not Passed

Tabled

Veto-Override



**Kenneth G. Shane**  
Speaker of the House

Date



**R. Knute Old Crow, Sr.**  
Secretary of the House

Date