

**CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 SPECIAL SESSION**

LR No. 13- 08

Introduced by the Judicial Committee

A Legislative Resolution Titled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO CONFIRM
HEATHER CORSON AS THE APPELLATE COURT JUDGE**

Legislative Findings:

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article X of the Crow Tribal Constitution the Crow Tribal Judicial Branch of Government shall consist of all courts established by the Crow Law and Order Code; and

WHEREAS, Title 3-3-308 of the Law and Order Code provides that the highest court of the Crow Nation is the Crow Court of Appeals, which is presided over by the Appellate Court Judge, who serves a four-year term and must be a professional attorney licensed to practice law in any of the 50 states and who is nominated by the Chief Judge of the Crow Tribal Court within 60 days of a vacancy or thereafter by the Tribal Chairman, and subject to confirmation by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Darrin Old Coyote nominated Heather Corson as the Appellate Judge to fill a vacancy which has existed since February 2011; and

WHEREAS, on September 11th, 2013 the Judicial Committee held a confirmation hearing and voted 8-0 to forward the nomination to the full Legislature with a recommendation for confirmation; and

WHEREAS, Heather Corson is a member of the Montana state bar, an experienced attorney with judicial experience, an enrolled Crow tribal member and, accordingly, is well-qualified for the position of Appellate Judge of the Crow Court of Appeals.

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

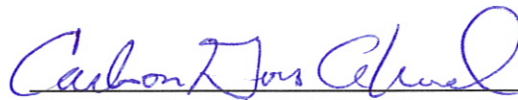
That Heather Corson is duly confirmed as the Appellate Judge of the Crow Court of Appeals and shall have all powers and duties associated with such office of Crow Tribal Government. The four-year term shall commence immediately upon the effective date of this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:

That this confirmation resolution shall become effective immediately upon being duly adopted by the Legislature and an administration of an oath of office by the Speaker of the House, or his designee.


CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Legislative Resolution titled, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO CONFIRM HEATHER CORSON AS THE APPELLATE COURT JUDGE** was duly adopted by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 16 in favor 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining and that a quorum was present on this 30th day of September, 2013.



Senator Carlson "Duke" Goes Ahead
Speaker of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST:



Senator R. Knute Old Crow, Sr.
Secretary
Crow Tribal Legislature



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Bill or Resolution: LR13-08 **Introduced by:** Judicial Com. **Date of Vote:** September 30th, 2013
Number

<u>Representative:</u>	Yes	No	Abstained
H. Two Leggins	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
V. Pretty Paint	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
C. J. Stewart	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
K. Shane	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
L. Other Medicine	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
A. Coyote-Runs, Sr.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
L. Not Afraid.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Covers Up, Sr.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
P. Alden, Jr.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Not Afraid	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
V. Crooked Arm	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
L. DeCrane	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
B. Hugs	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
G. Real Bird, Jr.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Backbone	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
G. Stewart	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
R. K. Old Crow, Sr.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<i>Secretary of the House</i>			
C. Goes Ahead	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<i>Speaker of the House</i>			
Totals:	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

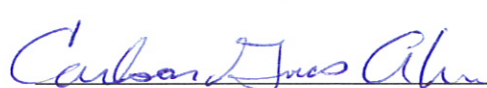
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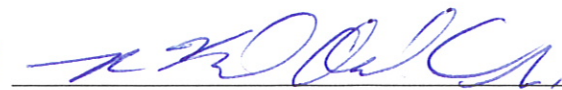
Passed

Not Passed

Tabled

Veto-Override

 10-2-13
 Senator Carlson Goes Ahead Date
 Speaker of the House


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

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The People's Branch of Government

Heather Corson
Appellate Judge
Crow Court of Appeals

Re: Swearing in ceremony

October 1, 2013

Honorable Judge Corson,

Congratulations on your recent confirmation by the Legislature as the new Appellate Judge of the Crow Court of Appeals. Yesterday in special legislative session the Legislature voted unanimously (15-0) to confirm you. According to the language of the resolution passed yesterday (attached to this letter) your four-year term as Appellate Judge will officially begin upon your swearing-in by the House Speaker. Please let us know as soon as practical when you are available to take the oath of office (in person or via teleconference).

Again, congratulations on your appointment and confirmation. We greatly look forward to your service to the Crow Nation as the next Appellate Judge of the Crow Court of Appeals.

Aho,



Senator R. Knute Old Crow
Secretary, Crow Tribal Legislature