

**CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
NOVEMBER 12, 2013 SPECIAL SESSION**

**LR No. 13-10**

Introduced by the Legislature

A Legislative Resolution Titled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO REORGANIZE  
AND CONSOLIDATE THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH COMMITTEES**

Legislative Findings:

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

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the Crow Tribal Constitution the Legislature shall operate as a separate and distinct branch of the Crow Tribal Government and shall exercise a separation of powers from the other branches of tribal government; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article V, Section 3 of the Crow Tribal Constitution, the meetings of the Legislature shall be conducted in accordance with the most current version of the Robert’s Rules of Order and any rules of conduct duly adopted by the Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has the constitutional authority to provide for the establishment of Branch rules and policies governing its review of proposed legislation and other matters requiring legislative action; and

**WHEREAS**, under House Rule 10(H) and Branch Policy contained in Legislative Resolution No. 10-09 and Legislative Resolution No. 10-20, all proposed legislation, legislative resolutions, and nominations subject to confirmation by the Legislature are assigned to the appropriate Legislative Branch Committee upon introduction for review and official recommendation to the full Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, under House Rule 19, the Legislature may while in session refer proposed legislation, legislative resolutions, or reports to the relevant Committee for further discussion and Committee action; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Branch Committees also report on committee activities to the full Legislature during each quarterly session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature established four standing Committees in 2002, each with specific areas of jurisdiction and oversight which operated under unique by-laws; and

WHEREAS, the total number of standing Legislative Branch Committees increased over time to 16 by 2010; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the number of Legislative Branch Committees and in consideration of issues which have arisen, including overlapping jurisdiction, scheduling difficulties, and meeting efficiency, it has been determined that consolidation of Committee jurisdiction in order to reduce the number of standing committees to six is in the best interests of the Legislature and the Crow Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature now seeks to reorganize and consolidate the Committees of the Legislative Branch for the purpose of increased efficiency and effectiveness in review of proposed tribal legislation, legislative resolutions, and other proposed legislative actions and for enhanced oversight of all matters of importance to the Crow Tribe and the Crow Reservation.

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

**Section 1. Repeal of Prior Committee Resolutions.** All Legislative Resolutions establishing or amending Committees or Subcommittees of the Legislature and their bylaws or jurisdiction are hereby repealed and rescinded.

**Section 2. Establishment of Six Standing Committees, Jurisdiction.** There is hereby established the following six standing Committees of the Legislature, with such jurisdiction as described herein:

“Economic Development Committee” – All matters related to tribal and Crow Reservation economic development, including business and commercial codes, banking, gaming, and tribal business enterprises.

“Health and Human Services Committee” – All matters related to community health and social well-being, including healthcare, education, enrollment, veteran’s affairs, community programs, and cultural resources.

“Infrastructure Committee” – All matters related to public infrastructure, including service utilities, housing, energy production and distribution, telecommunications, public transportation and highways.

“Judicial Committee” – All matters related to tribal jurisdiction and sovereignty, law enforcement, government structure and legal rights, including tribal courts, police, civil liberties, probate, elections, limited waivers of sovereign immunity, codes of ethics, administrative procedures, and treaty rights.

“Natural Resources Committee” – All matters related to the regulation, development and use of natural resources and the environment, including leasing laws, surface land use, air and water, fire management, rangeland, timber, minerals, fish and wildlife.

“Finance Committee” – All matters related to tribal revenues and expenditures, including annual tribal budgets, fiscal management and reporting, revenue sharing agreements, taxation, and review and modification of the Branch budget.

*Provided that*, nothing in this Resolution shall be read to modify or amend any Committee jurisdiction as established by tribal statutory law or tribal joint action resolution, except where such jurisdiction and oversight may be vested in a Legislative Branch Committee which is being dissolved by this Resolution, such jurisdiction and oversight shall be vested in the appropriate Committee identified and established by this Resolution.

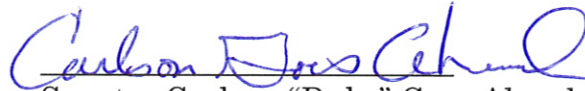
**Section 3. Uniform Committee By-Laws, Committee Officers.** Each of the six standing Committees shall operate pursuant to a uniform set of written by-laws, which shall be developed and promulgated by the Branch Officers prior to the effective date of this Resolution. Each Committee shall be presided over by a Committee Chairperson, who shall be elected by the Committee membership. Each Committee shall also elect a Committee Vice-Chairperson, who shall preside over the meetings of the Committee by delegation or upon the unavailability of the Chairperson. All elected Senators shall be eligible for membership in all Committees.

**Section 4. Special Committees.** The Legislature may establish, by legislative resolution, special committees for such purposes and for such duration as deemed necessary and proper.

**Section 5. Official Branch Policy, Effective Date.** This Resolution, upon its effective date, shall be considered official Legislative Branch Policy and a copy shall be provided to the Crow Tribal Executive Branch and public notice made to the Crow Tribal General Council as soon as practical. This Resolution shall take effect on the first day of the January 2014 Quarterly Session.

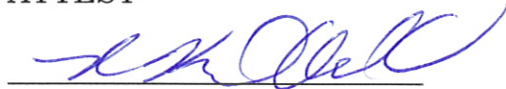
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Legislative Resolution titled A Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature to Reorganize and Consolidate the Legislative Branch Committees was duly enacted by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 13 in favor 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining and that a quorum was present on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.



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

ATTEST:



Senator R. Knute Old Crow  
Secretary  
Crow Tribal Legislature



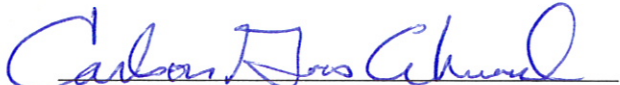
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<u>Representative:</u>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
H. Two Leggins	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
V. Pretty Paint	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
C. J. Stewart	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
(Vacant)	<u>          </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>          </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>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
G. Real Bird, Jr.	<u>          </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. <i>Secretary of the House</i>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
C. Goes Ahead <i>Speaker of the House</i>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Totals:</b>	<u>  13  </u>	<u>    0    </u>	<u>    0    </u>

Result of Vote:

**Passed**   
  **Not Passed**   
  **Tabled**   
  **Veto-Override**

  
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 Senator Carlson Goes Ahead                      Date  
 Speaker of the House

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