

**CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
AUGUST 5, 2014 SPECIAL SESSION**

**LR No. 14-11**

Introduced by the Finance Committee

A Legislative Resolution Titled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE A COST  
OF LIVING EXPENSE PAYMENT FOR THE ELECTED SENATORS**

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 the accordance with the Tribal Constitution and federal laws for the governance of the Crow Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, Article V, Section 3 of the Crow Tribal Constitution provides that the Legislative Branch shall be compensated on an hourly rate basis for their services and entitled to expenses in accordance with tribal policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the elected Senators of the Legislature are currently compensated at an hourly base rate of twenty-five (\$25.00) for their services as provided for in Legislative Resolution No. 08-12 and previous established tribal policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the actual cost of living expenses, including but not limited to food, fuel, and utilities, have increased significantly and continue to increase; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Branch Finance Committee has determined, after review and deliberation, that it is in the best interests of the Legislature to provide for a one-time 2014 fiscal year-end cost of living expense payment for the elected Senators.

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

**Section 1.** The Legislature authorizes a one-time 2014 tribal fiscal year end cost of living expense payment for the elected Senators, in lieu of an increase to the hourly rate of pay. The increase shall be at the rate of two and a half percent (2.5%) of the established gross annual base rate compensation, which is currently twenty-five dollars (\$25) per hour.

**Section 2.** That the Fiscal Year 2014 Legislative Branch Budget, as authorized and approved by CLB No. 13-06, is hereby deemed modified to incorporate such expenditure authorization to implement this policy. The Finance Officer of the Legislature shall take all necessary and appropriate measures to implement this modification and shall immediately report to the Speaker of the House and the Tribal Comptroller on the Legislative Branch budget modification.

**Section 3.** This tribal resolution shall take effect immediately upon becoming duly adopted by the Legislature. A certified copy of which shall be immediately delivered to the Tribal Comptroller and the Tribal CPA by the Secretary of the Legislature.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Resolution titled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE A COST OF LIVING EXPENSE PAYMENT FOR THE ELECTED SENATORS** was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstained and that a quorum was present on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014.



Senator R. Knute Old Crow, Sr.  
Speaker of the House  
Crow Tribal Legislature

**ATTEST:**



Senator Gordon Real Bird, Jr.  
Secretary of the House  
Crow Tribal Legislature



**A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE A COST  
OF LIVING EXPENSE PAYMENT FOR THE ELECTED SENATORS.**

**Bill or Resolution:** LR14-11  
**Number**

**Introduced by:** Finance Committee

**Date of Vote:** 8/5/2014

<u><b>Representative:</b></u>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
G. Three Irons	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
B. Rogers	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>
C. J. Stewart	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
P. Hill	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
E. Birdinground	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
A. Coyote-Runs, Sr.	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
V. Nomee	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
T. Gros Ventre	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
P. Alden, Jr.	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>
V. Crooked Arm	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
P. Spotted Horse, Sr.	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
L. DeCrane	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
C. Goes Ahead	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
B. Hugs	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
B. Good Luck	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>
G. Stewart	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
G. Real Bird, Jr. <i>Secretary of the House</i>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
R. Old Crow, Sr. <i>Speaker of the House</i>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Totals:</b>	<u>  13  </u>	<u>    0    </u>	<u>    3    </u>

Result of Vote:

**Passed**

**Not Passed**

**Tabled**

**Veto-Override**

  
 Senator R. Knute Old Crow, Sr.  
 Speaker of the House

8/5/14  
Date

  
 Senator Gordon Real Bird, Jr.  
 Secretary of the House

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

**Speaker of the House**  
Senator R. Knute Old Crow

144 Makawasha Ave.  
Crow Agency, Montana 59022  
CTLB.org



*The People's Branch of Government*

---

Karla MacCatherine  
Comptroller/CPA  
Crow Tribe

August 6, 2014

**Re:** Cost of Living Expense

As Speaker of the House and Legislative Branch Chief under the Crow Tribal FMA, I am directing the Executive Branch Finance Office to prepare the one-time cost of living expense payments for the elected Senators, as provided for under Legislative Resolution No. 14-11.

Under the terms of LR No. 14-11, this one-time payment is for each Senator at the amount of \$1,300, which represents two and half percent (2.5%) of the established hourly base rate of compensation for services provided. Our Finance Officer has been directed to modify our FY2014 budget to implement this Tribal Resolution. Please let me know if there is any issue with making payment this week or if you have any questions concerning this request.

Thank you very much,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Knute Old Crow", is written over the typed name.

Senator R. Knute Old Crow  
Speaker of the House