

**JANUARY 2016 REGULAR SESSION CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

**LR No. 16-02**

Introduced by the Economic Development Committee

A Legislative Resolution Titled

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE  
APSAALOOKE PURE, LLC GRANT APPLICATION TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CROW NATION**

Legislative Findings:

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

**WHEREAS**, LR 10-20, Section 1, Final Approval or Authorization Resolutions, state, “[r]esolutions for final approval of an Executive Branch proposal or for the authorization of tribal action in accordance with the 2001 Crow Constitution and other applicable Crow tribal law or federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, Rules of Order for the Crow Tribal Legislature, 10: Adoption of Agenda, (H), and Legislative Resolution No.10-20 Section 2. Procedure for Introduction and Passage, provide that all proposed legislation, and legislative resolutions, by the Legislature are assigned to the appropriate Legislative Branch Committee upon introduction for review and official recommendation to the full Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribal Executive Branch seeks a grant from the Montana Department of Commerce Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund (BSTF) for an Economic Development project for a Limited Liability Corporation for water bottling named Apsaalooke Pure, LLC (“A.P. LLC”); this project is tribally-wholly owned and incorporated under the Limited Liability Corporation laws of the Crow Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, The Crow Tribe has a project objective including, but not limited to financial feasibility, environmental impacts and assessments, marketing, management, transportation, construction costs, equipment costs, and easements; and

**WHEREAS** the total projected costs are fifty-two thousand, four hundred dollars (\$52,400), with a total match cost of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the Crow Tribe, and;

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

- Section 1. That the Crow Tribe through A.P. LLC continue development of bottled water from natural spring sites located on tribal land.
- Section 2. That in order to accomplish these goals A.P. LLC shall complete a feasibility study to determine if it is financially, economically, cost effective, and meets environmental standards.
- Section 3. That A.P. LLC, shall oversee the development of the manufactured bottled water company under the water protection laws of the Crow Tribe, MR&I Water Settlement Provisions, and Federal environmental laws.
- Section 4. That the start date award and project should commence January 2016. This date may be adjusted based on a later award date.
- Section 5. That the Legislature hereby authorizes and fully supports the Crow Tribal application as evidenced by letter entitled "Confirmation of Support and Commitment of Cash and In-kind Leverages" as signed by the Chairman for the Executive Branch, as attached to this Resolution, for funding from the Grant Planning Projects Montana Department of Commerce Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund (BSTF), to fund A.P. LLC.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:**

This Legislative Resolution take effect immediately upon becoming duly adopted by the Legislature.

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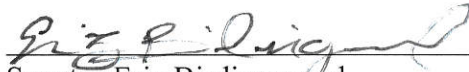
## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Legislative Resolution titled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE APSAALOOKE PURE, LLC GRANT APPLICATION TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CROW NATION** was duly enacted 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2016.



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

ATTEST:



Senator Eric Birdinground  
Secretary Pro-Tem  
Crow Tribal Legislature



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**Bill or Resolution:** LR16-02 **Introduced by:** Economic Development **Date of Vote:** 1/21/2016  
**Number**

<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>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
F. White Clay	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
P. Hill	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
E. Birdinground <i>Secretary Pro-Tem</i>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
S. Real Bird	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
V. Nomee	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
T. Gros Ventre	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </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>
G. Real Bird, Jr.	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
B. Good Luck	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
H. Male Bear, Jr.	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
P. Alden, Jr.	<u>          </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>  16  </u>	<u>    0    </u>	<u>    0    </u>

Result of Vote:

**Passed**


Not Passed

Tabled

Veto-Override

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

Date

  
Senator Eric Birdinground  
Secretary Pro-Tem

Date

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October 16, 2015

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## **RE: Confirmation of Support and Commitment of Cash and In-kind Leverages**

Dear Ms. Davidson,

On behalf of the Crow Tribe of Indians, I am pleased to submit this letter as confirmation of the Tribal government's support of the Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund (BSTF) planning grant application.

The proposed bottled water feasibility study is an important priority of the Tribe as it will help us determine whether manufacturing and delivering our own bottled water would actually be as viable an economic development endeavor as we believe it may be. If so, the Tribe, via Apsáalooke Pure, LLC, a tribal corporation, intends to design and construct a production facility where pure local spring water will be bottled and eventually distributed. It is the Tribe's hope that the bottled water project will not only lead to increases in revenue, but also the increased physical health and wellness of our individual tribal members.

The proposed feasibility project is a necessary first step in this endeavor and also consistent with BSTF's stated goal of supporting and funding critical planning efforts that will move an economic development project forward.

The estimated cost of the feasibility study project is \$52,400. To that end, the Crow Tribe is requesting \$47,400 in Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund-Category II Grant funding to

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support the project. Additionally, I am pleased to commit \$5,000 in cash and in-kind Tribal leverages to the proposed project.

The Crow Tribe will be able to obligate the leverages upon receipt of a funding award letter from the Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund. If you have questions about the committed leverages, please contact Mr. Clinton Sowden, CPA for the Crow Tribe, at 406-638-4102.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Old Coyote", is written over a faint, larger blue ink signature that is partially obscured.

Darrin Old Coyote, Chairman  
Crow Tribe