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NOTICE OF JUDICIAL BRANCH ELECTIONS CANDIDATES FILING DEADLINE

In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Nation, the Amended Election Ordinance, and Title 3 of the amended Crow Law and Order Code providing for judicial elections and qualifications:

Notice is hereby given that all candidates for the Judicial Branch election must file for candidacy by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 1st, 2017. A Primary Election will be on Saturday, October 14, 2017, if necessary. The General Election shall be conducted on Saturday, November 4th, 2017. Voting will be by secret ballot in each of the six established Crow Reservation Districts, at the same times and places as the Legislative Branch elections. The voting polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m.

The positions up for elections are one (1) Chief Judge of the Crow Tribe Court and two (2) Associate Judges of the Crow Tribal Court. The two (2) candidates for Chief Judge and the three (3) candidates for Associates Judge receiving the highest number of votes in the Primary Election qualify as candidates in the General Election.

Candidates for <u>Chief Judge</u> must have graduated from an accredited college with a minimum of an Associate Degree or alternatively at least four (4) years' experience in the Crow Tribal Court system or 4 years of service as a Crow Legislative Senator, must understand the Crow Language and culture, and must be in good standing within the community as a matter of Crow Tribal Law, custom and tradition. Candidates for <u>Associate Judge</u> must have High School education.

All Judicial Branch candidates must also meet the following qualifications:

- Must be and enrolled member of the Crow Nation;
- Must be at least 30 years age when elected;
- Must have no felony convictions (subject to background check);
- Must have no misdemeanor convictions (including DUI's) within 5 years of election, not to include minor traffic offences;
- Must pass a background investigation including tribal, state, and federal criminal and child protection history;
- Must have passed the Crow Tribal Bar Examination.

A candidate may obtain a Declaration of Candidacy from the Secretary of the Crow Tribe. Candidates must submit a Declaration of Candidacy along with a \$250.00 filing fee (money order). The Declaration and fee must both be actually received in the Secretary's office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 1st, 2017.

Candidates must comply with ABA Model Code of Judicial Ethics relating to election of judges, in addition to the campaigning limitation in the Election Ordinance. For further information about the Judicial Elections, contact the Secretary's office, 406.679.5339 or Council & District Records / Elections office at 406.606.2517, 406.694.7580 & 406.679.2736.

Declarations of Candidacy will be accepted beginning Tuesday, August 1st, 2017.

DATED THIS <u>18</u> DAY OF JULY, 2017

R. Knute Old Crow, Sr., Secretary, Executive Branch

