# CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE FEBRUARY 5, 2019 SPECIAL SESSION LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION NO. 19-09

Introduced by Legislative Branch

A Legislative Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature titled

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISTATURE DEMANDING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, IN ITS TRUST CAPACITY, INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE ANY PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE DEATH OF 20 HEAD OF BUFFALO ON THE CROW RESERVATION

Statement of Legislative Findings:

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Legislative Branch (hereinafter "Legislature") has the power and duty pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of the Crow Tribal Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has a duty to the Crow People to protect trust resources, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has declared the buffalo on the Crow Reservation a trust resource, held for the benefit of the Crow People as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature is without resources to perform its own inquiry, the Crow Executive branch is in disarray, and the Crow Tribal Court judges are subject to removal; and

**WHEREAS**, and therefore the Legislature, the "People's Branch", are without a viable avenue to address the wrongs being forced upon the Crow People; and

**WHEREAS**, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs always has an unquestioned trust responsibility to the Crow People; and

**WHEREAS**, the buffalo on the Crow Reservation are significant to the Crow People culturally and economically; and

**WHEREAS**, the willful mismanagement or deliberate starvation of the buffalo hurt the Crow People spiritually and fiscally; and

WHEREAS, the person or persons responsible for the death of the buffalo in this cruel fashion must be responsible to the Crow People through all appropriate law enforcement means; and

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

That the Legislature DEMANDS the Bureau of Indian Affairs and any appropriate government law enforcement agency perform an immediate investigation into the death of the Crow Buffalo herd and prosecution of the person or persons responsible for the cruel death of the animals.

#### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Legislature be kept apprised of the investigation, so it may report to the Crow People the results of the investigation as the investigation warrants.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Legislative Resolution Titled A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISTATURE DEMANDING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, IN ITS TRUST CAPACITY, INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE ANY PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE DEATH OF 20 HEAD OF BUFFALO ON THE CROW RESERVATION was duly adopted by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining and that a quorum was present on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

Sen. Frank White Clay Speaker of the House Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST:

Sen. Lawrence DeCrane Secretary of the House Crow Tribal Legislature



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| Bill or Resolution: 19-09 Introduced Number  | d by: <u>Crow Legisla</u> | tive Branch Date | of Vote: 2/5/2019 |
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| REPRESENTATIVE:  | Yes                       | No               | Abstained         |
| M. White Clay  |                           |                  |                   |
| D. Spotted   | X                         |                  | =                 |
| L.Hogan, III   | X                         |                  |                   |
| B. Brown   | X                         |                  |                   |
| S. Real Bird   | X                         |                  |                   |
| V. Nomee   | X                         |                  |                   |
| T. Yellowtail  | X                         |                  |                   |
| T. Gros Ventre   | X                         | 19 <u></u>       | -                 |
| P. Alden, Jr.  |                           | u                |                   |
| M. Not Afraid  |                           | ××               |                   |
| G. Bouyer  |                           | ×                |                   |
| J. Demontiney  | X                         | -                |                   |
| B. Hugs  |                           |                  |                   |
| N. Old Crow, Jr.   | X                         | U                |                   |
| B. Good Luck   | X                         | n                |                   |
| H. Male Bear-Stone, Jr.  | X                         | а                |                   |
| L. DeCrane, Secretary  | X                         | 17               |                   |
| F. White Clay, Speaker   | X                         | 88 <del></del>   |                   |
| Total:   | 13                        | 0                | 0                 |
| Result of Vote:  Passed  | Not Passed                | Tabled V         | veto-Override     |
| Frank White Clay Date Speaker of the House Crow Tribal Legislative Branch  Senator Frank White Clay Date Crow Tribal Legislative Branch  Senator Lawrence DeCrane Date Secretary of the House Crow Tribal Legislative Branch |                           |                  |                   |