

**DECEMBER 23, 2020 SPECIAL SESSION CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

**JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION No. JAR 20-04**

**Introduced by Chairman Frank Whiteclay  
Crow Tribal Executive Branch**

**Co-Sponsored by  
Crow Tribal Legislature**

**A Joint Action Resolution Titled:**

**“A JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL GOVERNMENT FOR  
CHANGES TO THE PROCEDURES FOR HOLDING ELECTIONS, INCLUDING  
EXPEDITED TIME CONSTRAINTS FOR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH VACANCIES”**

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

**WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section 4(a) of the Crow Tribal Constitution provides that the “general duties” of the Executive Branch Officials shall include the duty to implement all laws, resolutions and policies duly adopted by the Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, The Executive and Legislative Branch has issued a declaration of a State of Emergency within the Exterior Boundaries of the Crow Indian Reservation Related to the Communicable Disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus Pandemic”; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 2, states if an officer of the Legislative Branch of Crow Tribal Government shall die, resign, be removed or recalled, or be convicted of a felony while in office, the Speaker of the House of the Legislative Branch or his official designee, shall immediately declare the office vacant and direct the Secretary of the Executive Branch, or his official designee, to hold an election in the appropriate district within sixty (60) days of the declaration of vacancy to elect a successor to fill the unexpired term. The election shall occur in accordance with the duly adopted Election Ordinance, Title 21, (Crow Law and Order Code 2005); and

**WHEREAS**, Title 21, the Crow Tribal Election Ordinance was amended by CLB 16-01, “An Act to Amend the Crow Tribal Election Ordinance to Provide Tribal Members the Option of Absentee Voting in All Future Tribal Elections; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Article VIII, Conduct of Election Section 17, provides for Absentee voting, and the procedure to request absentee ballot in person or via the United States Mail.

There are time constraints and voting and requesting an absentee ballot need to be amended to give more time to the Executive Branch Secretary make absentee ballots available; and

**WHEREAS**, the deadline to request a mail ballot in person will be extended to January 15, 2021 and deadline to request a ballot by United States mail in ballot will be extended to January 8, 2021; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND LEGISLATURE IN SPECIAL SESSION:**

**Section 1.** That time constraints to request an absentee ballot shall be extended during the COVID-19 pandemic.

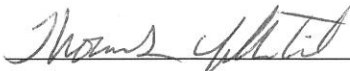
**Section 2.** That the Secretary of the Executive Branch is hereby authorized to extend deadline for making an in-person request is extended to January 15, 2021 and extending the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot by U. S. States Mail is extended to January 8, 2021.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval by the Crow Tribal Executive Branch and Crow Tribal Legislature.


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### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Joint Action Resolution entitled "A JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL GOVERNMENT FOR CHANGES TO THE PROCEDURES FOR HOLDING ELECTIONS, INCLUDING EXPEDITED TIME CONSTRAINTS FOR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH VACANCIES" 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2020.

  
Thomas Yellowtail  
Speaker of the House  
Crow Tribal Legislature

### ATTEST:


  
Brandon GoodLuck  
Secretary  
Crow Tribal Legislature



### EXECUTIVE ACTION

I hereby  
X approve or  
\_\_\_\_\_ veto.

This Joint Action Resolution entitled "A JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL GOVERNMENT FOR CHANGES TO THE PROCEDURES FOR HOLDING ELECTIONS, INCLUDING EXPEDITED TIME CONSTRAINTS FOR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH VACANCIES" pursuant to the authority vested in the Chairman of the Crow Tribe by Article V, Section 8 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Tribe of Indians, on this 23 day of December, 2020.

  
Frank Whiteclay, Chairman  
Crow Tribal Executive Branch

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Bill or Resolution: JAR20-04 Introduced by: Judicial Committee Date of Vote 12/23/2020

**REPRESENTATIVE:**

Yes

No

Abstain

M. White Clay

**X**

D. Spotted

(Vacant)

Y. Little Light

**X**

L. Hogan

**X**

B. Brown

**X**

H. Small

**X**

T. Gros Ventre

**X**

M. Not Afraid

**X**

G. Bouyer

**X**

T. Plainfeather

(Vacant)

S. DeCrane

B. Hugs

**X**

N. Old Crow

**X**

H. Male Bear-Stone, Jr

**X**

T. Yellowtail

**X**

*Speaker of the House*

B. Good Luck

**X**

*Secretary of the House*

TOTAL

**13**

**0**

**0**

Result of Vote:

**Passed**

Not Passed

Tabled

Veto-Override

Senator Thomas Yellowtail

Date

Speaker of the House

Crow Tribal Legislative Branch

Senator Brandon Good Luck

Date

Secretary of the House

Crow Tribal Legislative Branch