

**CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
OCTOBER 11, 2022 SPECIAL SESSION**

LR NO. LR 22-29

Introduced by the Crow Tribal Legislature

A LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION TITLED:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE HIRING OF DENNIS M. BEAR DON’T WALK AS IN-HOUSE STAFF ATTORNEY FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH.”

WHEREAS The Crow Tribal Legislative Branch is a separate and distinct branch of government under the 2001 Constitution of the Crow Tribe; and

WHEREAS the Crow Tribal Legislature (hereinafter "Legislature") has the power and duty under Article V, Section 2 of the Crow Tribal Constitution to promulgate and adopt resolutions in accordance with the Constitution and federal laws for the governance of the Crow Tribe; and

WHEREAS the constitutional power and duty of the Legislature is exercised in accordance with the doctrine of separation of powers from the other branches of Crow Tribal Government; and

WHEREAS the Crow Tribal Legislative Branch has established the position of the Legislative Branch staff attorney to provide the Legislative Branch with independent and ethical legal counsel, and for legal statutory construction and constitutional interpretation and other relevant areas of law; and

WHEREAS the Crow Tribal Legislative Branch advertised the vacant position of Legislative Branch staff attorney and, upon thorough review of all applicants, the Health and Human Services Committee held a meeting on October 11, 2022 for the purpose of making an official recommendation to the full Legislature on the selection of an attorney; and

WHEREAS the Legislature seeks to provide accurate and accountable legislation responsive to Executive Branch Departments in the operation of Crow Tribal government and to the Crow Tribal General Council; and

WHEREAS Dennis M. Bear Don’t Walk is a Crow tribal member attorney licensed to practice law in the state and federal courts of Montana, the Crow Tribal Court, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, has substantial experience in the practice of federal Indian law, tribal law, and especially Crow Tribal laws; and

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WHEREAS the Legislature now deems it necessary and proper to give final approval to the hiring and employment of Dennis M. Bear Don't Walk as in-house staff attorney for the Crow Legislative Branch.

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

The Legislature hereby gives approval and authorizes the Branch Officers to hire Dennis M. Bear Don't Walk, and execute an employment agreement, the terms of which are hereby incorporated by reference, that sets his start date as Wednesday, October 26, 2022, to accommodate the two-week notice required by policy of his current employer, as well as by commonly held notions of professional courtesy.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:

That this Legislative Resolution shall be effective immediately upon being duly adopted by the Legislature.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Legislative Resolution entitled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE HIRING OF DENNIS M. BEAR DON'T WALK AS IN-HOUSE STAFF ATTORNEY FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH" was duly adopted by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained and that a quorum was present on the 11th day of October, 2022.



Hon. Sen. Darwin Spotted, Sr.
Speaker of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST:



Hon. Sen. Brandon Good Luck
Secretary
Crow Tribal Legislature



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Bill or Resolution LR 22-29 Introduced by: Health & Human Services Date of Vote 2022

REPRESENTATIVE:

	Yes	No	Abstain
V. Pickett	_____	_____	_____
D. Spotted <i>Speaker of the House</i>	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
C. Other Medicine	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Y. Little Light	_____	_____	_____
L. Hogan	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
C. Meeks	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
D. Don't Mix	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
H. Small	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
T. Gros Ventre	_____	_____	_____
P. Alden	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
C. Takes Enemy	_____	_____	_____
T. Plainfeather	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
J. Kills Pretty Enemy	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
S. DeCrane	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
B. Hugs	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
N. Old Crow, Jr	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
B. Good Luck <i>Secretary of the House</i>	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
H. MaleBear-Stone	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
TOTAL	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

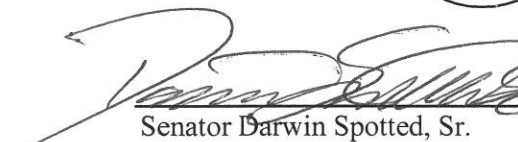
Result of Vote:

Passed


Not Passed

Tabled

Veto-Override


 Senator Darwin Spotted, Sr.
 Speaker of the House
 Crow Tribal Legislative Branch

Date


 Senator Brandon Good Luck
 Secretary of the House
 Crow Tribal Legislative Branch

Date

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