

**APRIL 2023 QUARTERLY SESSION OF THE
CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION NO. JAR 23-01

INTRODUCED BY THE MIGHTY FEW DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:
SEN. HAROLD MALE BEAR-STONE, SEN. NEWTON OLD CROW, JR., AND SEN.
BRANDON GOOD LUCK

JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE AND
THE CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH ENTITLED:

**“APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT FLAG FOR THE MIGHTY FEW DISTRICT,
AUTHORIZATION FOR SUBSEQUENT DISTRICT FLAG ADOPTIONS, AND
APPROVED PROCEDURES.”**

WHEREAS, under Article V, Section 2(a) of the Crow Tribal Constitution and Bylaws, the Legislative Branch of the Crow Tribal Government (the “Legislative Branch” or “Legislature”) has the duty and authority to promulgate and adopt laws, resolutions, ordinances, codes, regulations, and guidelines for the governance of the Crow Tribe of Indians; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Legislative Resolution (“LR”) 10-22, the Mission of the Legislative Branch includes, but is not limited to working in conjunction with the Executive Branch of the Crow Tribal Government, while still remaining an autonomous entity, to benefit the Crow Tribe; using its lawmaking power in a manner that is directly responsive to the needs of the Apsaalooke people; and to represent constituents from each district by, among other things, creating opportunities for economic growth, upgrading tribal infrastructure, promoting tribal culture, and providing for an enhanced relationship with the Crow Tribal General Council; and

WHEREAS, under Article IV, Section 4(a) of the Crow Tribal Constitution and Bylaws, the general duties of the Executive Branch Officials are to implement all laws, resolutions, codes, and policies duly adopted by the Legislative Branch.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CLOC §1-2-101(b), Joint Action Resolutions are authorized when, among other things, it is in the best interests of the Apsaalooke Nation for the Legislative and Executive branches to act jointly on a matter which is not an amendment or addition of statutory general law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the notes attached to this Joint Action Resolution (“JAR”) as Exhibit A, leaders from the Mighty Few District have, over the past two years, been engaging members of the District in meetings and events for the purpose of organizing District residents to act upon the unique and significant issues and priorities of the District; and

WHEREAS, members of the Mighty Few District community found that while passing on the history and character of the District to the younger generations, in part by teaching them the District song, that the District identity was strengthened by having a consistent symbol or image tied with the ethic of leadership represented in the District song; and

WHEREAS, as a result of, and in furtherance of, the foregoing, the Mighty Few District held a meeting in September of 2022 and voted unanimously to adopt the District flag shown in Exhibit A, as the official flag representing the Mighty Few District of the Crow Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the emblem on the district flag adopted by the Mighty Few was created, based on specific design elements recommended by cultural leaders in the community, to include symbols that have deep meaning based on the history of the District, and correspond to the messages in the District song; and

WHEREAS, the Mighty Few District, acting by and through its legislative district representatives have requested that the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Crow Tribe jointly take action to officially recognize the efforts of the District, and formally approve the District's adoption of its own unique flag and symbol; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Legislative and Executive Branches jointly find and agree that it is in the best interests of the Crow Tribe to recognize the flag developed and approved by the Mighty Few District, as the official flag of that district; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Legislative and Executive Branches further find and agree that it is in the best interests of the Crow Tribe, it's members, and reservation community, to empower and authorize each of the remaining five districts to similarly develop and adopt an official district flag, representing the pride and history of each individual district; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Legislative and Executive Branches further find and agree that a standardized process should be set forth for each district's adoption, ensuring proper notice to all district members, and a meaningful opportunity for such members to participate in the creation, selection, and/or adoption of a unique emblem and flag representing that particular district.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE CROW TRIBE:

Section 1. That emblem and flag of the Wyola/Might Few District, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved and recognized by the Crow Tribe as the official flag of the Wyola/Might Few District.

Section 2. That the Crow Tribe hereby adopts and the procedures, attached hereto as Exhibit B, as the official process that other districts shall follow when adopting their own unique district emblem and/or flag.

Section 3. That any unique emblem and/or flag adopted by any of the other five districts of the Crow Indian Reservation pursuant to, and consistent with this Joint Action Resolution and the procedures attached hereto as Exhibit B, shall be considered officially approved without need for further action by the Executive and/or Legislative Branches of the Crow Tribe. Further, any unique emblem or flag purportedly adopted by a district contrary to the procedures authorized and required by this Joint Action Resolution, is not, and shall not be considered, official or approved by the Crow Tribe.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its enactment and approval by the Chairman of the Executive Branch.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Joint Action Resolution granting “**APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT FLAG FOR THE MIGHTY FEW DISTRICT, AUTHORIZATION FOR SUBSEQUENT DISTRICT FLAG ADOPTIONS, AND APPROVED PROCEDURES**” was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained and that a quorum was present on this 21 day of April, 2023.



Speaker of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST:



Secretary, Crow Tribal Legislature



EXECUTIVE ACTION

I hereby

approve,
 veto

this Joint Action Resolution granting “**APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT FLAG FOR THE MIGHTY FEW DISTRICT, AUTHORIZATION FOR SUBSEQUENT DISTRICT FLAG ADOPTIONS, AND APPROVED PROCEDURES**” pursuant to the authority vested in the Chairman of the Crow Tribe by Article V, Section 8 and Article IV, Section 3(k) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Tribe of Indians on this _____ day of _____, 2023.



Chairman, Executive Branch
Crow Tribe of Indians


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Bill or Resolution: **JAR 23** Introduced by: **Senators Male Bear-Stone,
Old Crow, and Good Luck** Date of Vote **4/21/23**


REPRESENTATIVE:

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

Result of Vote: **Passed** **Not Passed** **Tabled** **Veto-Override**



 Senator S. DeCrane Date
 Speaker of the House
 Crow Tribal Legislative Branch



 Senator C. Takes Enemy Date
 Secretary of the House
 Crow Tribal Legislative Branch