

**AUGUST 29, 2023 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION NO. LR 23-07**

**INTRODUCED BY THE BIG HORN DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:  
SEN. CHARLA TAKES ENEMY, SEN. TIM PLAIN FEATHER, AND SEN. PATRICK  
ALDEN, JR.**

**A LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION TITLED:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT A BRANCH  
POLICY FORMALLY RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICALLY AND CULTURALLY  
CORRECT TITLE OF THE BIG HORN DISTRICT.**

Legislative Findings:

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

**WHEREAS** in accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the Crow Tribal Constitution the Legislature shall operate as a separate and distinct branch of the Crow Tribal Government and shall exercise a separation of powers from the other branches of tribal government; and

**WHEREAS** the Legislature enacted LR 10-20 (*Branch Policy and Procedure for Legislative Resolutions*), identifying that Legislative Resolutions are the expression of the voice of the elected Senators of the Legislature, which is based on the inherent sovereign authority of the Crow Tribal General Council, as delegated the Legislature by the Crow Tribal Constitution, and which categorizes different types of legislative resolutions, including but not limited to those which provide for “internal Legislative Branch policies”; and

**WHEREAS** under Section 2 of LR 10-22 (Proclaim the Legislature as “The People's Branch of Government” and to Establish a Branch Mission Statement”, it is the mission of the Legislative Branch of the Crow Tribe, in pertinent part, to “use it’s lawmaking power” in a way that is “directly responsive to the needs of the Apsaalooke people”, to create “a voice for the Apsaalooke people”, and to represent constituents by “promoting tribal culture...”; and

**WHEREAS** Article V, Section 1 of the 2001 Crow Constitution identifies that the Big Horn District, as one of the six political districts established within the Crow Reservation, may be referred to as either the Valley of the Giveaway (Balewaakeeáashe) or Big Horn (Iisaxpuatahchee Aashe) District; and

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**WHEREAS** the title of “Big Horn” comes from Big Metal, Chief of the Bighorn Sheep, who saved and adopted the Crow warrior and hero Big Iron, whom he warned to never change the name of the waters and places over which the seven bighorn sheep ruled, for if he did so, the Apsaalooke would be no more; and

**WHEREAS** the Crow Tribe has historically made every effort to ensure that the very important historical and cultural areas located within the Big Horn District, remain titled as directed by Big Metal, including, but not limited to the Big Horn Mountains, Big Horn Canyon, Big Horn Lake, and Big Horn River; and

**WHEREAS** the three elected representatives from the Big Horn District, in consultation with, and on behalf of, their constituents, have determined that using the title “Valley of the Giveaway” when referring to the Big Horn District is inconsistent with the important history and culture of the Crow Tribe, and may even be detrimental to the district or the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS** the Legislature finds that it is in the best interests of the Big Horn District community, its members, and the Crow Tribe for the Tribe to cease using the title “Valley of the Giveaway”, and to only use the title of “Big Horn”, when referring to the Big Horn District in all official branch correspondence, communications-both written and oral, and other similar documents and statements of the Legislature.

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

1. That the Legislature hereby adopts as official Branch policy that the Big Horn District shall only be referred to as the Big Horn District in all official Branch correspondence, communications-whether written or oral, and other similar documents and statements.
2. This policy-making resolution is not a tribal act and shall not be considered as an amendment to the Crow Tribal Constitution or Crow Law and Order Code.
3. That the Legislature strongly encourages the Executive Branch to establish similar policies, consistent with this Legislative Resolution.
4. That this Legislative Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

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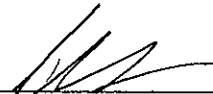
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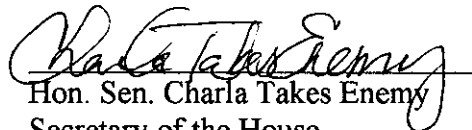
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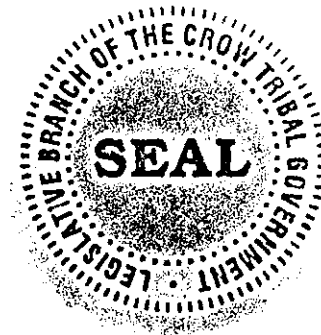
**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Legislative Resolution entitled: “**A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT A BRANCH POLICY FORMALLY RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICALLY AND CULTURALLY CORRECT TITLE OF THE BIG HORN DISTRICT**” 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 29th day of August, 2023.

  
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Hon. Sen. Sampson DeCrane  
Speaker of the House  
Crow Tribal Legislature

**ATTEST:**

  
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Hon. Sen. Charla Takes Enemy  
Secretary of the House  
Crow Tribal Legislature



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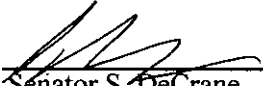
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Bill or Resolution: LR 23-07 Introduced by: BIG HORN DISTRICT Date of Vote 08/29/23

**REPRESENTATIVE:**

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

Result of Vote: Passed Not Passed Tabled Veto-Override

  
 Senator S. DeCrane  
 Speaker of the House  
 Crow Tribal Legislative Branch  
 Date 8/29/23

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