

**AUGUST 9, 2023 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

LR NO. LR 23-06

Introduced by the Finance Committee

A LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION TITLED:

**“A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE A
COST-OF-LIVING EXPENSE PAYMENT FOR THE ELECTED SENATORS AND
THE STAFF OF THE CROW TRIBE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH.”**

Legislative Findings:

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 Article V, Section 1 of the Crow Tribal Constitution provides that the Legislature operates as a separate and distinct branch of Crow Tribal Government and exercises a separation of powers from the other branches of tribal government; and

WHEREAS Article V, Section 3 of the Crow Tribal Constitution further provides that the Legislative Branch shall be compensated on an hourly rate basis for their services and entitled to expenses in accordance with tribal policy; and

WHEREAS the hourly base-rate of pay for elected Senators of the Legislature is twenty-seven (\$27.00) per hour, pursuant to Legislative Resolution No. 15-06; and

WHEREAS across the nation, cost-of-living expenses, including but not limited to food, fuel, and utilities, have increased significantly over the past eight (8) years, and continues to increase; and

WHEREAS the Legislative Branch Finance Committee, (hereinafter, "Finance Committee") pursuant to LR 13-10, has jurisdiction over matters related to tribal revenues and expenditures, and to amend the Legislative Branch Budget; and

WHEREAS the Legislative Branch Finance Committee met on Monday, August 1, 2023, and determined, after review and deliberation, that it is in the best interests of the Legislature to provide for a one-time 2023 fiscal year cost-of-living expense payment for the elected Senators and Staff of the Crow Tribe Legislative Branch.

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

Section 1. The Legislature authorizes a one-time 2023 tribal fiscal year end cost-of-living expense payment for the elected Senators, in lieu of an increase to the hourly rate of pay. The payment shall be at the rate of 1.8% of the established gross annual base rate compensation, which is currently twenty-seven dollars (\$27) per hour.


Section 2. The Legislature authorizes a one-time 2023 tribal fiscal year cost-of-living expense payment for the Crow Tribe Legislative Branch Staff, in lieu of an increase to the hourly rate of pay. The payment amount shall be at the rate of 2.0% of an annual salary with a base rate of \$24.00/hour.

Section 3. That the Fiscal Year 2023 Legislative Branch Budget, as authorized and approved by CLB No. 22-03, is hereby deemed modified to incorporate such expenditure authorization to implement this policy. The Finance Officer of the Legislature shall take all necessary and appropriate measures to implement this modification and shall immediately report to the Speaker of the House and the Tribal Comptroller on the Legislative Branch budget modification.

Section 4. This tribal resolution shall take effect immediately upon becoming duly adopted by the Legislature. A certified copy of which shall be immediately delivered to the Tribal Comptroller and the Tribal CPA by the Secretary of the Legislature.


CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Legislative Resolution entitled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE A COST-OF-LIVING EXPENSE PAYMENT FOR THE ELECTED SENATORS AND THE STAFF OF THE CROW TRIBE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH" was duly adopted by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 8 in favor, 3 opposed, and 4 abstained and that a quorum was present on the 9th day of August, 2023.

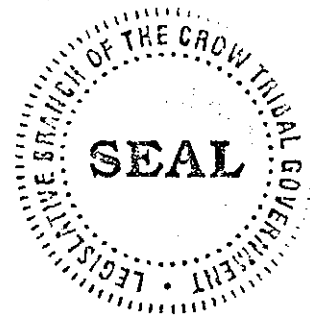


Hon. Sen. Sampson DeCrane,
Speaker of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST:



Hon. Sen. Charla Takes Enemy
Secretary
Crow Tribal Legislature



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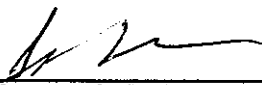
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Bill or Resolution: LR 23-06 Introduced by: Finance Committee Date of Vote 08/09/23

REPRESENTATIVE:

	Yes	No	Abstain
V. Pickett			X
D. Spotted	X		
C. Other Medicine		X	
Y. Little Light, Jr	X		
L. Hogan III			
C. Meeks			X
D. Don't Mix			X
H. Small		X	
T. Gros Ventre	X		
P. Alden, Jr	X		
T. Plainfeather	X		
J. Kills Pretty Enemy	X		
B. Hugs	X		
N. Old Crow, Jr			
B. Good Luck	X		
H. MaleBear-Stone			
S. DeCrane		X	
<i>Speaker of the House</i>			
C. Takes Enemy			X
<i>Secretary of the House</i>			
TOTAL	8	3	4

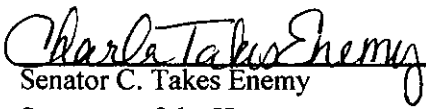
Result of Vote: **Passed** **Not Passed** **Tabled** **Veto-Override**



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

8/9/23

 Date



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

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 Date