

APRIL 2006 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION No. JAR06-03

Introduced by Legislature and Executive Branch as Joint Action Legislation
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED:

**ADDENDUM TO BILL CLB0227, AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE
CROW FAIR OFFICE AS AN OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
BRANCH**

WHEREAS, The Crow Fair was started in the early part of the twentieth century, approximately 1904, by an Indian Agent for the Crow Reservation, to display agriculture products grown and livestock raised by the Crow Indians and the Crow people came to Crow Agency to camp and celebrate for several days the good harvest, and

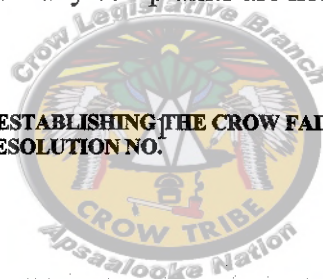
WHEREAS, This Crow Fair became an annual event, held in October each year, now held in August, and the Crow modified this celebration to bring in the Crow way of life such as the parade, dancing and reunions of families, honoring of new sons or daughters-in-law, Clan Father and Clan Mother feeds and honoring, and many families plan to complete new beaded outfits to be worn and used for the daily parades and display their talent in artistic creation of colorful designs with beadwork, and

WHEREAS, The early Crow Fairs' were managed by well-known respected persons selected for their honesty and their creative ability to put on a good Crow Fair and this Crow Fair was put on by the financial resources and/or livestock of the selected managers or funds raised by these managers, and

WHEREAS, The Crow Fair has evolved to include a new way of life learned by the Crow, the rodeo, and to bring in a life way of the Apsaalooke, horse ownership and racing and managers were selected that had titles such as: Chief of Committee, Arena Director and committee members selected from each reservation district and,

WHEREAS, The Crow Fair is fully funded by the Crow Tribe but there are no reporting or accounting requirements for the funds appropriated and managers spend funds as they will; and managers have been elected the day after the conclusion of the Crow Fair, with managers and fair board members elected by popular vote, with no consideration to their managerial abilities, and

WHEREAS, In some years, some of the elected managers have displayed poor fiscal management by not paying winners in all contests, such as rodeo, horse races, pow-wow and parade, not paying for financial obligations created or not honoring contracts for goods and services received, and many complaints are heard of having managers with no managerial skills, and



WHEREAS, There are entrance fees charged to visitors to enter the campgrounds to the Crow Fair and concession fees collected from various concessionaires and there is an admission fee to the rodeo and horse races and there is revenue generated from the food concession stands and tack stands underneath the grandstand, and there are donations received from various sources for this grand celebration, and further, tourists are charged graduated fees for still pictures or video cameras and persons are charged for audio recording the singing of the drum groups at the pow-wow, and

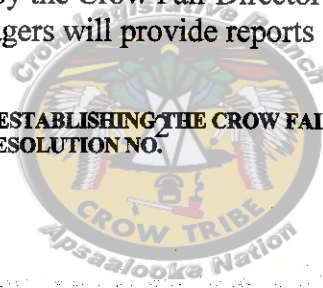
WHEREAS, The managers in rodeo, races, and the pow-wow use these various fees but no accounting or reports have been prepared on how much was collected and how much was used to help defray the cost of their particular event, and

WHEREAS, The Crow Tribe has fully funded the Crow Fair in the amount of \$180,000, as prized money for two years with \$30,000 for the parade but since have funded the Fair for \$150,000 for years 2003, 2004 and 2005 and where there is no return of any money back to the Tribal coffers from any Crow Fair revenue generating source, and the \$30,000 used for parade expense has been eliminated from the Crow Fair budget but the expense is still there, and

WHEREAS, Legislation, CLB0227 was introduced and passed on July 24, 2002, thereby establishing Executive Crow Fair Director within the Executive Branch of the Tribal Government to oversee the annual Crow Fair and reflect responsibilities, and a position description written to further include other special events sponsored by the Executive Branch, such as the Crow Native Days.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CROW TRIBAL
LEGISLATURE**

1. That upon passage of this Addendum to CLB0227, in addition to the Crow Fair, other Special Events sponsored by the Executive Branch, such as the Crow Native Days, will be managed by the Executive Crow Fair Director; that the Ultimate Warrior and Lady Challenges will be deleted from duties of Crow Fair Director; and further, the maintenance and overall control of the Crow Fair Rodeo Grounds, race track and barns, Multi-purpose building and the Pow-wow Arbor and any repairs to such facilities will be under the Public Works Department, Maintenance and Grounds keepers and that \$50,000 be appropriated for such maintenance of grounds. Further, upon passage of this addendum, the elected Crow Fair managers will sign contracts that will make them accountable and personally liable for funds appropriated by the Crow Tribe in the amount of \$50,000 each to Rodeo, Races and Pow-wow; further, that a Parade Director be established as the fourth manager and the Tribe will appropriate \$35,000 for the parades, and further, the titles for these elected positions will be as follows; **Rodeo Manager, Racing Commissioner, Pow-wow Manager and Parade Director;** and all revenue generating venues for the Crow Fair, such as gate fees, camp entrance fees (to exclude all Native Americans), concession fees or other fees, will be collected, accounted for and managed by persons appointed by the Crow Fair Director and the Executive Special Events Board. The elected managers will provide reports of how Tribal appropriations



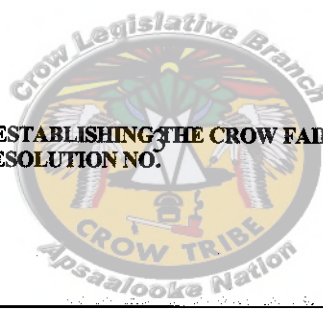
and revenues were expended, to the Executive Crow Fair Director, for further reporting back to the Legislature upon completion of the Crow Fair each year. Each manager will stay within the \$50,000 appropriation, but if there is un-met need, they may request from the Executive Crow Fair Director and the Executive Special Events Board, revenue generated funds from concessions, gates etc., to meet shortfalls for their respected events. It will be at the discretion of the Crow Fair Director and the Executive Events Board if requested funds will be given.

2. Upon passage of this addendum, minimum age and qualification guidelines or position descriptions will be written for each manager for the rodeo, horse races, pow-wow and parade, to be implemented for the year 2007 Crow Fair; that the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer can be included as fair committee members but will not have position qualification guidelines and can be young boys or girls, no age limit requirement; that **this elected body shall be called CROW FAIR BOARD.**

3. To further implement certain controls and bring in experienced persons in all the components of the Crow Fair, Rodeo, Races, Pow-wow and Parade and Accounting, upon passage and approval of this Addendum, a minimum of four persons will be appointed by the Executive Branch and Executive Crow Fair Director at the earliest possible time, and will be called **EXECUTIVE SPECIAL EVENTS BOARD**, as consultants and overseers of this annual event and a person within the Finance Department be appointed to help with expenditures and/or collection of fees.

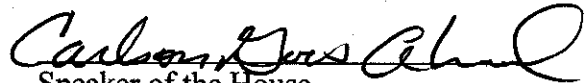
4. That those managers who utilize Crow Tribal Funds for their respective event, such as Rodeo, Races, Pow-wow and Parade, will be responsible and personally liable for advertised payouts and incurred expenses and subject to the Crow Tribal Court for misuse of any Crow Fair funds. Managers shall act at all times within the scope of authority granted in this Act. All contracts for services and goods must be approved by the Events Board prior to issuing said contract, and will be honored and payments made as long as they are reviewed and approved, prior to contract issued or payments made, by the Executive Crow Fair Director and approved by the Executive Special Events Board. The legislature will appropriate additional funds, \$35,000, for the parade in the next fiscal budget year and ensuing years.

5. Nothing in this Act shall affect any criminal liabilities or penalties applicable to the theft or misappropriation of funds contributed by the Crow Tribe or revenues from the Crow Fair events.



CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Joint Action Resolution was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 16 in favor, and 0 opposed, and 0 abstained, and that a quorum elected legislators were present on this 11TH of April, 2006.


Speaker of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST:

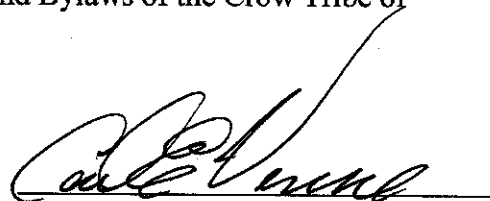

Secretary, Crow Tribal Legislature



EXECUTIVE ACTION

I Hereby
 approve
 veto

This Bill for an Act entitled "**ADDENDUM TO CLB 0227, AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CROW FAIR OFFICE AS AN OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH**" 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 19 day of May, 2006.


Carl Venne, Chairman
Crow Tribal Executive Branch



Addendum to CLB02-27-Crow Fair Office

Bill or Resolution Number JAR02-03 Introduced by: Executive Branch Date of Vote: April 11, 2006
 Legislative Branch

<u>Representative:</u>	Yes	No	Abstain
L. Plain Bull	✓		
O. Costa	✓		
V. Crooked Arm	✓		
M. Not Afraid	✓		
R. Iron	✓		
B. House	✓		
E. Fighter	✓		
L. Hogan	✓		
S. Fitzpatrick	✓		
K. Real Bird	✓		
M. Covers Up	✓		
R. Old Crow	✓		
L. Not Afraid			
B. Shane	✓		
J. Stone			
D. Wilson	✓		
L. Costa <i>Secretary of the House</i>	✓		
D. Goes Ahead <i>Speaker of the House</i>	✓		
Totals:	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Result of Vote:

Passed Not Passed Tabled Veto Override

Signature Officer: Carlton Jones Date: 4-11-2006

