

# **August 10th, 2010 Special Session of the Crow Tribal Legislature**

## **Legislative Resolution No. LR10-22**

Introduced by Senator Oliver Half, Jr. Center Lodge District

A Legislative Resolution Titled:

### **A Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature to Proclaim the Legislature as “The People’s Branch of Government” and to Establish a Branch Mission Statement**

Legislative Findings:

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribal General Council adopted a three-branch form of government upon passage of the 2001 Crow Constitution and whereas the Legislative Branch of Government is vested with the law-making and final approval authorities previously exercised by the General Council;

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribal General Council sought to establish a government in which a separation of powers would be exercised and in which the Legislature would be in a position similar to the United States Congress and the legislatures of the states;

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress serves as the primary and strongest oversight authority for the operations of the federal government and whereas the Crow Legislature has the same role in Crow tribal government;

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress is known as the “People’s Branch of Government” because the intent of America’s Founders was to have the law-making power close to the governed and responsive to their needs;

**WHEREAS**, since the United States Congress can serve as the ultimate protector of a democratic, constitutional, and accountable federal government, so should the Crow Legislature in regards to Crow tribal government;

**WHEREAS**, the 2001 Crow Constitution provides for a close relationship between the General Council and Legislature, including the establishment of the Legislature as the only constitutional entity representing the six districts of the Crow Reservation;

**Now, therefore, be it hereby resolved by the Crow Tribal Legislature in  
Special Session:**

**Section 1. Branch Slogan.**

The Crow Tribal Legislature shall be considered “The People’s Branch of Government” for the Crow Tribe. This phrase shall be included in all official Legislative Branch letterhead and memoranda.

**Section 2. Mission Statement.**

The following shall be considered the mission statement of the Crow Tribal Legislature:

“It is the Mission of the Legislative Branch of the Crow Tribal Government to remain an autonomous entity of the tribal government of the Apsáalooke people while working in conjunction with the Executive and Judicial Branches to benefit the Tribe. The lawmaking power of the Legislative Branch will be directly responsive to the needs of the Apsáalooke people. The Legislative Branch will work to create a voice for the Apsáalooke people. Legislators from each of the six districts on the Reservation represent their respective constituents by ensuring wise land and resource management, tribal fiscal responsibility, creating opportunities for economic growth, upgrading tribal infrastructure, promoting tribal culture, advancing systems of education, justice, government oversight, and providing for an enhanced relationship with the Crow Tribal General Council.”

**Section 3. Effective Date.**

This Resolution shall be considered the established policy of the Crow Tribal Legislature immediately upon passage.

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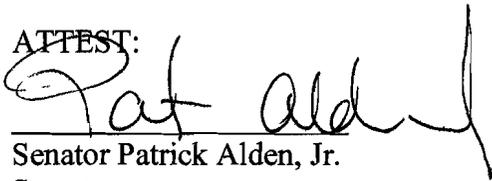
**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Legislative Resolution entitled **A Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature to Proclaim the Legislature as “The People’s Branch of Government” and to Establish a Branch Mission Statement** was duly enacted by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 17 in favor 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining and that a quorum was present on this 10th day of August, 2010.



Senator Manuel Covers Up, Sr.  
Speaker of the House  
Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST:



Senator Patrick Alden, Jr.  
Secretary  
Crow Tribal Legislature



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**Bill or Resolution:** LR10-22 **Introduced by:** Senator Half, Jr. **Date of Vote:** 8/10/2010  
**Number**

<u>Representative:</u>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
H. Two Leggins	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
V. Pretty Paint	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
C. J. Stewart	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
K. Shane	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
S. Backbone	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
O. Half, Jr.	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
W. Plainfeather	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
R. Old Crow, Sr.	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
M. Not Afraid	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
V. Crooked Arm	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
L. DeCrane	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
C. Goes Ahead	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
B. Hugs	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
G. Real Bird, Jr.	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
M. Backbone	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
D. Wilson	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
P. Alden, Jr. <i>Secretary of the House</i>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
M. Covers Up, Sr. <i>Speaker of the House</i>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Totals:</b>	<u>  17  </u>	<u>    0    </u>	<u>    0    </u>

Result of Vote:

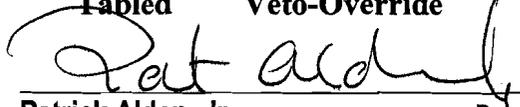
**Passed**

Not Passed

Tabled

Veto-Override

  
 Manuel Covers Up, Sr.  
 Speaker of the House  
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 Date

  
 Patrick Alden, Jr.  
 Secretary of the House  
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 Date