## OCTOBER 2006 REGULAR SESSION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION NO. <u>06-05</u>

## A LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE: AN ENDORSEMENT OF CROW TRIBAL MEMBERS RUNNING FOR BIG HORN COUNTY OFFICES IN THE NOVEMBER 2006 ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Legislature is authorized to adopt resolutions, regulations and guidelines for the governance of the Crow Tribe of Indians, pursuant to Article V, Section 2(a) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Tribe of Indians, approved by the Secretary of Interior on July 14, 2001; and

WHEREAS, In 1981 Windyboy vs. Big Horn County was established...The Voting rights case that won for Native Americans in Big Horn County the right to vote in a fair manner so that their concerns could be addressed.

WHEREAS, Ever since the Windyboy decision the Native American vote has played a major role in Big Horn county. Today, we as a Crow Nation have seen awesome strides in the political process for the Crow People.

WHEREAS, some of those strides include; Representation in the School Boards of the Crow reservation schools. We also celebrate a four-term hold on the Sheriff's position, and we have 2 representatives in the County Commissioners office. We have enrolled members of the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Nation as a County Attorney, State Senator & State Legislator.

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Legislature finds it to be in the best interest of the Crow Tribe to endorse Native American candidates and makes a DECLARATION for the Crow Tribal Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE:

THAT, the Crow Tribal Legislature hereby approves, adopts, AND DECREES an ENDORSEMENT of the Crow Member's of the Crow Nation which are currently running for the following Big Horn County offices; Candidate for Sheriff Lawrence "Pete" Big Hair, Candidate for County Attorney Georgette Hogan, Candidate for Justice of the Peace Leroy M. Not Afraid, Candidate for Clerk and Recorder Freda Jane Knows Gun, Candidate for Treasurer Walter Eugene Old Elk, Candidate for House Dist. 42 Veronica Small-Eastman.

Further, Northern Cheyenne Member & Candidate for Montana State House Dist. 41 Representative Norma Bixby is hereby endorsed. Her Area of representation includes South of Lodge Grass and will cover the Wyola community. Both areas are of course located on the Crow Reservation.

Further the Crow Tribal Legislatures hereby this action encourage all members of the Crow Tribe to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming election, and

**FINALLY,** the Crow Tribal Legislature directs that the attached Endorsement Proclaimation and Policy shall be effective upon approval by majority vote of the Crow Tribal Legislature.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Legislative Resolution, *[Identify the title of this LR.]*, was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained and that a quorum was present on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2006.

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Speaker of the House Crow Tribal Legislative Branch

ATTEST:

Secretary of the House Crow Tribal Legislative Branch

Crow Tribal Legislative Branch Seal:



