## JANUARY 2002 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

## JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION NO. JAR0217

INTRODUCED BY: <u>REPRESENTATIVES ANGELA RUSSELL</u>, <u>VALLEY OF THE CHIEFS</u> DISTRICT, AND MIKE NOT AFRAID, BLACK LODGE DISTRICT

A JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE FOR CROW TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO ARE SIXTY- SEVEN (67) YEARS OF AGE AND OVER AND ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT TRUST FUND OF UP TO 1.3 MILLION DOLLARS WITHIN THE 2003 FISCAL BUDGET TO PROVIDE THESE FUNDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe currently has over four hundred (400) members who are sixty-seven (67) years of age or more; and

WHEREAS, many of the Crow Elders have incomes that fall below the current poverty standards; and

WHEREAS, elders of the Crow Tribe have little to no opportunity to supplement their existing income except through tribal per capita payments and lease income; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe currently has programs that service the elderly which may have excess monies to begin the retirement allowance immediately; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe is requested to establish a permanent trust fund of up to 1.3 million dollars and no less than 1 million dollars from the projected U.S. Bureau of Land Management reimbursement within the next fiscal budget or earlier which may cover costs in the long-term for this retirement allowance; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe has limited monies for burial costs for members and the Crow Tribe is requested to seek burial insurance for all tribal members that sixty-seven (67) years of age and older as a first priority and then to seek burial insurance for all tribal members.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES OF THE CROW TRIBE:

New Section. Section 1. To establish a retirement allowance of up to \$100 per month for Crow Tribal members who are sixty-seven (67) years or over with excess program monies immediately and to establish a permanent trust fund of up 1.3 million dollars but no less than 1 million dollars from the projected U.S. Bureau of Land Management reimbursement within the 2003 fiscal budget or before to provide these funds for the long-term.



## CERTIFICATION

	olution was duly approved by the Crow Triba
Legislature with a vote of 12 in favor, 4	opposed, and O abstained and that a
quorum was present on this <u>(a)</u> day of <u>MARCH</u> , 2002.	
	Lea Cloud
	Ben Cloud
	Speaker of the House
	Crow Tribal Legislature
EXECUTIVE ACTION	
I hereby approve, veto this Joint Action Resolution 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 Indians.	
	Chairman, Executive Branch
	Crow Tribe of Indians

