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NOTICE OF VETO OVERRIDE

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL NOTICE AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW, JAR11-01 "A RESOLUTION TO FULLY FUND THE OFFICE OF VETERAN AFFAIRS AND FURTHER DEVELOP PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO HONOR CROW MILITARY VETERANS."

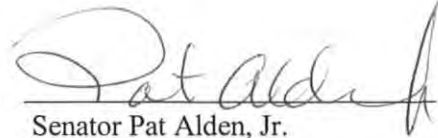
THE CROW LEGISLATURE IN REGULAR SESSION ON APRIL 13, 2011 TOOK THE FOLLOWING VETO OVERRIDE ACTION RELATIVE TO, JAR11-01 "A RESOLUTION TO FULLY FUND THE OFFICE OF VETERAN AFFAIRS AND FURTHER DEVELOP PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO HONOR CROW MILITARY VETERANS."

BILL IS ATTACHED, INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

Done and dated this 11TH day of July 2011



Senator Manuel Covers Up, Sr.
Speaker of the House



Senator Pat Alden, Jr.
Secretary of the House

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, William C. Watt, for the Crow Executive Branch, Legal Counsel was served from Crow Legislative Branch Staff Member Jackie Blacksmith The following:

JAR11-01 "A RESOLUTION TO FULLY FUND THE OFFICE OF VETERAN AFFAIRS AND FURTHER DEVELOP PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO HONOR CROW MILITARY VETERANS."

I, William C. Watt received as stated above from Jackie Blacksmith or designee for the Executive Branch at Approx. 10:30 a.m. /p.m.

Done and dated this 14th day July, 2011.

~TO BE COMPLETED BY LEGISLATIVE BRANCH STAFF MEMBER ONLY~

I, the undersigned Legislative Branch Staff member hand delivered the above to William C. Watt or designee for the Executive Branch at approx. 10:30 a.m. /p.m.

Done and dated this 14th day July, 2011.

Jackie Blacksmith
Crow Legislative Branch



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July 12, 2011

JAR11-01

JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE AND THE CROW TRIBE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ENTITLED:

**“A RESOLUTION TO FULLY FUND THE OFFICE OF VETERAN
AFFAIRS AND FURTHER DEVELOP PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
TO HONOR CROW MILITARY VETERANS”**

(1) Set of Original Attached with Veto Override Bill

- 1) Notice of Veto Override – Certificate of Delivery
- 2) 7/11/2011 Veto Override Roll Call Vote (1 pg)
- 3) 4/13/2011 JAR11-01
- 4) 4/13/2011 Roll Call Vote (1 pg)

Senator Pat Alden, Jr.
Secretary of the House
Legislative Branch
Crow Tribal Government

**A Joint Action Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature and the Crow Tribal Executive Branch Entitled: A
RESOLUTION TO FULLY FUND THE OFFICE OF VETERAN AFFAIRS AND FURTHER DEVELOP PROGRAMS
AND SERVICES TO HONOR CROW MILITARY VETERANS."**

Bill or Resolution: JAR11-01 **Introduced by:** Veteran Affairs Committee **Date of Vote:** 7/11/2011
Number

<u>Representative:</u>	Yes	No	Abstained
H. Two Leggins	_____	_____	_____
V. Pretty Paint	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
C. J. Stewart	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
K. Shane	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
S. Backbone	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
O. Half, Jr.	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
W. Plainfeather	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
R. Old Crow, Sr.	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
M. Not Afraid	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
V. Crooked Arm	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
L. DeCrane	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
C. Goes Ahead	_____	_____	_____
B. Hugs	_____	_____	_____
G. Real Bird, Jr.	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
M. Backbone	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
D. Wilson	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
P. Alden, Jr. <i>Secretary of the House</i>	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
M. Covers Up, Sr. <i>Speaker of the House</i>	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Totals:	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Result of Vote:

Passed

Not Passed

Tabled

Veto-Override



Senator Manuel Covers Up, Sr. _____ Date
Speaker of the House



Senator Pat Alden, Jr. _____ Date
Secretary of the House

APRIL 2011 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION NO. JAR 11-01

**INTRODUCED BY CEDRIC BLACK EAGLE, CHAIRMAN,
CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH,
AND THE VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE CROW TRIBAL
LEGISLATURE**

JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE AND THE
CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH ENTITLED:

**“A RESOLUTION TO FULLY FUND THE OFFICE OF VETERAN AFFAIRS
AND FURTHER DEVELOP PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
TO HONOR CROW MILITARY VETERANS”**

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Legislature (“Legislature”) has the power and duty to promulgate and adopt laws, resolutions, and guidelines for the governance of the Crow Tribe in accordance with the 2001 Crow Constitution and federal laws pursuant to Article V, Section 2(a) of the 2001 Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Executive Branch (“Executive Branch”) has authority and responsibility pursuant to Article IV, Section 4(a) of the 2001 Constitution to implement all laws, resolutions, and policies duly adopted by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has many important benefits reserved for military veterans, including Crow Indian veterans; and

WHEREAS, American Indians have the highest rate of military service per capita compared to other ethnic groups but, according to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, many American Indian veterans do not fully understand the benefits reserved to them under federal law; and

WHEREAS, during the April 2006 Regular Session, the Legislature passed Joint Action Resolution 06-05, titled a “Resolution to Assist Crow Veterans to Obtain Benefits Earned Through Their Service to the United States by Creating an Office of Veterans Affairs,” with a unanimous vote and which was signed into law by Tribal Chairman Carl Venne; and

WHEREAS, Joint Action Resolution 06-05 requested the Crow Tribal Chairman, or his designees, to create the Crow Office of Veterans Affairs (“COVA”), which would have the authority to appoint a Tribal Veterans Representative (“TVR”); and

WHEREAS, the Crow Nation has a strong cultural and historic record of honoring military service; and,

WHEREAS, Crow veterans today face difficulties in accessing available programs and services due to the complexities of interagency programming; and,

WHEREAS, JAR 06-05 created the Office of Veterans Affairs (now known as the Crow Office of Veteran Affairs or COVA) for the Crow Nation; and,

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Legislature and the Executive Branch of the Crow Tribe are committed to developing this office to better serve Crow veterans;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
AND THE CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH:**

That the priorities of JAR 06-05 are hereby affirmed; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT,

The Crow Tribal Budget for fiscal years 2012 and following will include a line item for the Office of Veteran Affairs, including the full-time positions of Director, Program Manager, and two staff members, as well as office space for these positions and the state-funded Tribal Outreach Worker (TOW); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT,

The Branches support the appointment by the Chairman of the Executive Branch of a Crow Veteran's Advisory Committee, to include one member from each geographic district of the Crow Reservation, to serve as liaisons between Crow veterans and the Office of Veteran Affairs; and to meet once per month on a per diem basis to discuss issues and provide feedback; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT,

The Office of Veteran Affairs and the Crow Veteran's Advisory Committee will submit quarterly reports to the Veteran Affairs Committee of the Crow Legislature and to the Executive Branch Officials in a format compliant with applicable Crow Tribal Law; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT,

To be eligible for appointment to the Committee or to fill a position within the Crow Office of Veteran Affairs, a nominee or candidate must have been honorably discharged from military service and be a person in good standing. The Director of the Crow Office of Veteran Affairs shall chair meetings of the Crow Veteran's Advisory Committee; in the Director's absence or unavailability, the Committee shall select a member to chair the meetings; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT,

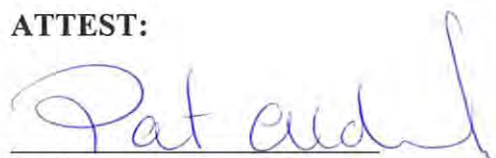
For purposes of clarity, the Executive Branch is authorized to search and apply for any grant funding available for the purposes of supporting Crow veterans programs and projects such as education, health, housing, temporary housing, office and community center space; provided that a copy of each application and any required grant reporting is delivered to the Executive Branch Officials and to the Veteran Affairs Committee of the Crow Tribal Legislature.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Joint Action Resolution entitled **"A RESOLUTION TO FULLY FUND THE OFFICE OF VETERAN AFFAIRS AND FURTHER DEVELOP PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO HONOR CROW MILITARY VETERANS"** was duly enacted by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 16 in favor 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining and that a quorum was present on this day of 13TH, 2011.


Speaker of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST:


Secretary
Crow Tribal Legislature


SEAL

EXECUTIVE ACTION

I hereby

_____ approve or X veto

This Joint Action Resolution entitled **"A RESOLUTION TO FULLY FUND THE OFFICE OF VETERAN AFFAIRS AND FURTHER DEVELOP PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO HONOR CROW MILITARY VETERANS"** 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 13 day of May, 2011.


Cedric Black Eagle, Chairman
Crow Tribal Executive Branch

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Number

<u>Representative:</u>	Yes	No	Abstained
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>
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O. Half, Jr.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
W. Plainfeather	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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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>
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M. Backbone	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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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>
Totals:	<u> 16 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u>

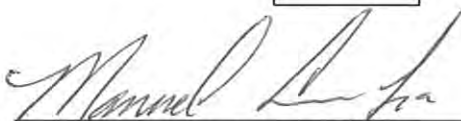
Result of Vote:

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Not Passed

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Senator Manuel Covers Up, Sr.
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Senator Pat Alden, Jr.
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Date



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SECRETARY

Darrin Old Coyote,
VICE SECRETARY

March 24, 2011

Oliver Half, Chairman
Shawn Backbone, Secretary
Veteran's Affairs Committee
Legislative Branch of the Crow Nation
P.O. Box 309 – Makawasha Avenue
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Gentlemen:

The Crow Nation respects and honors its veterans for their service and sacrifice. To enhance available veteran's services, I will include funds for a full office (director, program manager and staff) in the budget for the coming fiscal year.

I will also appoint an Executive Advisory Committee on Veteran's Affairs, with one veteran from each legislative district to serve as a liaison between Crow veterans and the Office of Veteran's Affairs. This Committee should meet once a month to discuss issues and provide feedback.

Among the many legacies of my predecessor as Crow Tribal Chairman is the commitment to honoring our veterans. Attached please find a draft Joint Action Resolution to continue this legacy. Additional aspects of the program will take shape after appointment of the Veteran's Advisory Committee and budgeting and staffing of the Office of Veteran's Affairs.

Please continue to share your ideas with Beth Springfield Old Chief from Grants and Contracts and Kathleen Burrage from the Office of Executive Counsel. I have directed them to actively seek additional grant funding for projects and programs that assist Crow veterans. Thank you for your support and for your own service.

Sincerely,

Cedric Black Eagle, Chairman



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OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY

I, Pat Alden, Jr. Secretary of the Legislative Branch of the Crow Tribal Government hereby
this Transitional Action do deliver a True and Correct Official copy

Of the Final Approval for the following:

Introduced by Cedric Black Eagle, Chairman Executive Branch and The Veteran Affairs

Committee of the Crow Tribal Legislature.

Joint Action Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature and the Crow Tribal Executive Branch

Entitled:

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MILITARY VETERANS”**

JAR11-01 to Kathleen Burrage in the
Position of: Deputy Legal Counsel for the
Crow Tribal Executive Branch.

Done and dated this 21 day of April, 2011 @ 4:05 a.m./p.m.

Secretary Of The House
Legislative Branch of the
Crow Tribal Government

Served by:

Legislative Branch Staff

Cc: file

Certificate Number
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