

JULY 2011 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION NO. JAR 11-02

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

**“RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT PRESIDENT AWÉ KOOTÁA BILAXPÁAK
KUUXSHIISH (BARACK OBAMA) SIGN A NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER ON TRIBAL
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES”**

WHEREAS, higher education is a high priority for the Crow Nation and its tribal members as a step to improving our individual and families’ lives and is a vital tool for successful community development; and

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe chartered the Little Big Horn College, which operates in Crow Agency, Montana; and

WHEREAS, the Little Big Horn College has successfully served the public on the Crow Reservation for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments and the U.S. government have chartered 36 Tribal Colleges and Universities to ensure that high quality, culturally-based higher education is accessible to American Indian people who were largely excluded from state-supported higher education programs; and

WHEREAS, these 36 Tribal Colleges and Universities operate more than 75 campuses in the 15 states within whose geographic boundaries the majority of American Indian reservation and federal Indian trust land lie; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Colleges and Universities prepare and educate more than 61,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives in academic and community education programs, and these students represent more than 250 federally recognized Indian tribal nations, including the 10 largest federally recognized Indian tribes; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Colleges and Universities fulfill a fundamental role in maintaining, preserving and revitalizing irreplaceable American Indian and Alaska Native languages and cultural traditions and strengthening Indigenous peoples worldwide; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing accredited postsecondary education and technical/career education to American Indians and Alaska Natives, Tribal Colleges and Universities also provide a wide variety of community-based economic and workforce development programs; community-based support services, programs, and collaborative partnership with tribes, K-12 education systems and schools, and other stakeholders; and important agriculture and land management programs and services, all on extremely limited budgets;

WHEREAS, the majority of Tribal Colleges and Universities are the most poorly funded institutions of higher education in the country, and overall, their funding lags behind that of other institutions of higher education, including other Minority Serving Institutions;

WHEREAS, Tribal Colleges and Universities receive about \$5,500 per Indian student for operational funding from the Federal government, while the only other Minority Serving Institution in the country that receives its operational funding from the Federal government receives more than \$ 19,000 per student annually;

WHEREAS, in an historical recognition of tribal sovereignty and tribal control of Indian education, President William J. Clinton established the first White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities by Executive Order in 1996, which substantially improved the commitment among Federal agencies to work with our institutions;

WHEREAS, acknowledging the “integral and essential” role that Tribal Colleges and Universities have in their communities; President George W. Bush signed a new TCU Executive Order within 18 months of taking office and maintained it throughout his presidency;

WHEREAS, the sustainability of Tribal Colleges and Universities, which the previous executive orders strengthened, is threatened because the TCUs remain unable to fully participate in many of this nation’s higher education and research programs and are often excluded from new federal education initiatives;

WHEREAS, an Executive Order on Historically Black Colleges and Universities was signed by President Awé Kootá Bilaxpáak Kuuxshish (Barack Obama) in February 2010;

WHEREAS, a unique and legal relationship exists between the United States and Indian tribes, recognized in the U.S Constitution and established by more than 400 treaties, several Supreme Court decisions, Congressional action, and the ceding of more than one billion acres of land to the Federal government; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the President of the United States for the nation to provide universal access to complete and competitive education, including the hope and promise of higher education opportunities, as well as the nation’s goal to lead the world in graduation rates, must include Tribal Colleges and Universities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Crow Tribal Nation does respectfully request that President Awé Kootá Bilaxpáak Kuuxshish (Barack Obama) sign a new Executive Order on Tribal Colleges and Universities and reaffirm his commitment to Tribal Sovereignty and Self-Determination.

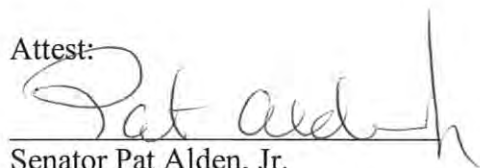
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Joint Action Resolution was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained and that a quorum was present on this 19th day of July, 2011.



Senator Manuel Covers Up, Sr.
Speaker of the House
Legislative Branch, Crow Tribe

Attest:



Senator Pat Alden, Jr.
Secretary
Legislative Branch, Crow Tribe



EXECUTIVE ACTION

I hereby X (approve), _____ (veto) this Legislative Bill 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.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2011.



Cedric Black Eagle, Chairman
Executive Branch, Crow Tribe


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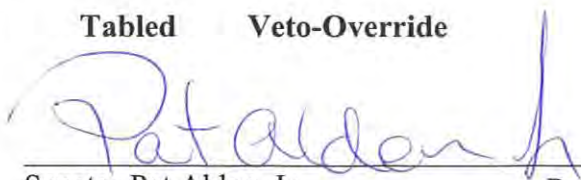
<u>Representative:</u>	Yes	No	Abstained
H. Two Leggins	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
V. Pretty Paint	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
C. J. Stewart	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
K. Shane	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
S. Backbone	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
O. Half, Jr.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
W. Plainfeather	<u> </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> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
D. Wilson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
P. Alden, Jr. <i>Secretary of the House</i>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Covers Up, Sr. <i>Speaker of the House</i>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Totals:	<u> 14 </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