

April 2010 Regular Session of the Crow Tribal Legislature

Legislative Resolution No. 10-11

Introduced by the Crow Tribal Legislature

A Legislative Resolution Titled:

A Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature Formally Requesting United States Senator Max Baucus and United States Senator Jon Tester to Introduce a Senate Resolution Acknowledging the 2001 Crow Constitution and the Modern Crow Tribal Government

Statement of Legislative Findings:

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe of Indians is a federally-recognized treaty tribe with a 2.2-million acre reservation located in south-central Montana;

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe of Indians, acting through their Tribal Council, enacted a tribal constitution in 1948 which served as the supreme tribal law of the land until 2001;

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribe of Indians, acting through their Tribal Council, enacted a tribal constitution in 2001 which now serves as the supreme tribal law of the land;

WHEREAS, the 2001 Crow Constitution recognized the Crow Tribal General Council as the governing body of the Crow Tribe, and whereas the General Council delegated authority to three separate branches of government, to wit: an Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branch;

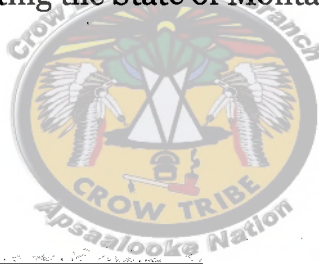
WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Government exercises tribal sovereignty as a modern and professional government;

WHEREAS, there appears to be a reluctance on behalf of various entities, including the United States Department of the Interior, in recognizing the existence and validity of the 2001 Crow Constitution and the Crow Tribal Government;

WHEREAS, the reluctance to recognize the existence and validity of the 2001 Crow Constitution and the Crow Tribal Government is harmful to tribal sovereignty, tribal self-determination, and contrary to established federal law and policies;

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Legislature is aware and concerned about the aforementioned reluctance on behalf of various entities;

WHEREAS, the Senator Max Baucus and Senator Jon Tester are the duly-elected United States Senators representing the State of Montana in Congress;



WHEREAS, Senator Max Baucus and Senator Jon Tester have both publicly proclaimed their support of tribal sovereignty and tribal self-governance;

WHEREAS, both Senator Max Baucus and Senator Jon Tester have the ability to introduce a concurrent or simple resolution before the United States Senate acknowledging the existence and validity of the 2001 Crow Constitution and the Crow Tribal Government established as a result.

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


That, United States Senator Max Baucus and United States Senator Jon Tester are hereby requested to draft a resolution for presentation to the 111th Session of the United States in Congress which shall have the effect of providing for Congressional recognition of the existence and validity of the 2001 Constitution and By-Laws of the Crow Tribe of Indians and for explaining the national, regional, and local importance behind such recognition;

That, Senators Baucus and Tester be requested, in the alternative, to write an official open letter from their respective offices to all interested parties, including all departments and agencies of the federal government and the State of Montana, with the same intended effect as the Senate Resolution as described in this Resolution;

That, finally, the Crow Tribal Legislature shall take any further action necessary to ensure that either or both United States Senator Max Baucus and United States Senator Jon Tester shall be honored by the Crow Tribe of Indians for their efforts in response to this Legislative Resolution, so long as there is a sincere and good-faith effort on their behalf to enact this request.

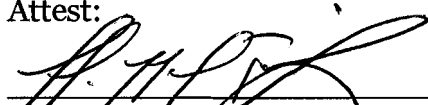
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this **LR10 -11** was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of **16** in favor, **0** opposed, and **1** abstained and that a quorum was present on this **22ND** day of April 2010.



Senator Patrick Alden
Speaker Pro Tempore of the House,
Crow Tribal Legislature

Attest:



Senator Noel Two Leggins
Secretary Pro Tempore
Crow Tribal Legislature



