

**DECEMBER 15TH 2011 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

**LR No. 11-18**

Introduced by the Crow Tribal Legislature

A Legislative Resolution Titled:

**A Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature to Give Final Approval to the Federal Transfers of Seven Parcels of Land to the Crow Tribe, As Required by Crow Tribal Joint Action Resolution 10-01**

Legislative Findings:

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribal Legislature (hereinafter "Legislature") has the power and duty under Article IV, Section 2 of the 2001 Crow Tribal Constitution (hereinafter "2001 Constitution") to promulgate and adopt resolutions in accordance with the 2001 Constitution and federal laws for the governance of the Crow Tribe of Indians; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribe has long sought to expand its land ownership base, including and especially lands within the exterior boundaries of the Crow Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government currently has a policy of conveying tracts of agency reserve real property on Indian reservations to tribal ownership; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature during the January 2010 regular session passed Crow Tribal Joint Action Resolution 10-01 (titled "A Resolution Requesting and Approving the Bureau of Indian Affairs to Make a Trust Transfer of Seven Crow Agency Parcels in Connection With Its Policy on Revocation of Reserve Status") with a 16-0 vote, and which was signed into law by the Executive Branch Chairman; and

**WHEREAS**, Joint Action Resolution 10-01 identifies and describes seven parcels of land owned by the federal government in reserve status which the Crow Tribe is requesting be conveyed to tribal ownership in trust; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3 of Joint Action Resolution 10-01 required final approval by the Legislature in order for the Crow Tribe to accept the seven parcels of Federal Reserve property as described in Joint Action Resolution 10-01.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE IN SPECIAL SESSION:**

That the Crow Tribal Legislature hereby gives final approval to the Crow Tribe's acceptance of the seven parcels of land previously held by the United States Government as identified and described in Crow Tribal Joint Action Resolution 10-01.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That all documents, agreements, and information relating to the transfer authorized by this resolution, including but not limited to an environmental site assessment, be immediately produced to the Surface Land Committee of the Crow Tribal Legislature with certification by the appropriate federal official that all such documents, agreements, and information are an accurate and complete record of the transaction and the physical condition of the land.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:**

That a certified copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the four elected Executive Branch officials, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Crow Agency Superintendent, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Rocky Mountain Regional Director within ten (10) working days of the effective date of this resolution.

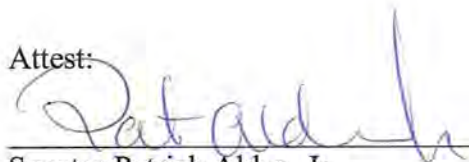
**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Resolution titled **A Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature to Give Final Approval to the Federal Transfers of Seven Parcels of Land to the Crow Tribe, As Required by Crow Tribal Joint Action Resolution 10-01** 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 15th day of December 2011.



Senator Manuel Covers Up, Sr.  
Speaker of the House,  
Crow Tribal Legislature

Attest:



Senator Patrick Alden, Jr.  
Secretary,  
Crow Tribal Legislature



**A Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature to Give Final Approval to the Federal Transfers of Seven  
Parcels of Land to the Crow Tribe, As Required by Crow Tribal Joint Action Resolution 10-01.**

**Bill or Resolution:** LR11-18 **Introduced by:** Legislative Branch **Date of Vote:** 12/15/2011  
**Number**

<b><u>Representative:</u></b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
H. Two Leggins	_____	_____	_____
V. Pretty Paint	_____X_____	_____	_____
C. J. Stewart	_____X_____	_____	_____
K. Shane	_____X_____	_____	_____
S. Backbone	_____X_____	_____	_____
A. Coyote-Runs, Sr.	_____X_____	_____	_____
L. Not Afraid	_____	_____	_____X_____
R. Old Crow, Sr.	_____X_____	_____	_____
M. Not Afraid	_____X_____	_____	_____
V. Crooked Arm	_____X_____	_____	_____
L. DeCrane	_____X_____	_____	_____
C. Goes Ahead	_____X_____	_____	_____
B. Hugs	_____X_____	_____	_____
G. Real Bird, Jr.	_____X_____	_____	_____
M. Backbone	_____X_____	_____	_____
D. Wilson	_____	_____	_____
P. Alden, Jr. <i>Secretary of the House</i>	_____X_____	_____	_____
M. Covers Up, Sr. <i>Speaker of the House</i>	_____X_____	_____	_____
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>_____15_____</b>	<b>_____0_____</b>	<b>_____1_____</b>

Result of Vote:

<b>Passed</b>	<b>Not Passed</b>	<b>Tabled</b>	<b>Veto-Override</b>
			
_____ Senator Manuel Covers Up, Sr. Speaker of the House	_____ Date	_____ Senator Pat Alden, Jr. Secretary of the House	_____ Date

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Senator Manuel Covers Up, Sr.  
Speaker of the House

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Date

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Senator Pat Alden, Jr.  
Secretary of the House

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Date

JANUARY 2010 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION NO. JAR 10-01

INTRODUCED BY CEDRIC BLACK EAGLE, CHAIRMAN  
CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH

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

**A JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE AND  
THE CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH ENTITLED: "A RESOLUTION  
REQUESTING AND APPROVING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO MAKE A  
TRUST TRANSFER OF SEVEN CROW RESERVATION PARCELS IN CONNECTION  
WITH ITS POLICY ON REVOCATION OF RESERVE STATUS"**

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has determined that certain realty located on the Crow Indian Reservation and including land described below is eligible for transfer under its policies for the revocation of reserve status (restorations); and

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribe as part of ongoing planning and development for Crow Agency wishes to make use of these seven parcels; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chairman of the Executive Branch has the authority and responsibility pursuant to the "enumerated powers" in Article IV, Section 3(a) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Tribe to "represent the Crow Tribe of Indians in negotiations with Federal, State and local governments and other agencies, corporations, associations, or individuals in matters of welfare, education, recreation, social services, and economic development affecting the Crow Tribe of Indians," and in Section 3(f) to "negotiate and approve or prevent any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of Tribal lands, interest in lands or other Tribal assets, including buffalo, minerals, gas and oil with final approval granted by the Legislative Branch;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Branch has authority and responsibility pursuant to Article V, Section 2(d) of the Constitution "to grant final approval or disapproval of items negotiated by the Executive Branch of Government pertinent to the sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of Tribal lands, interest in lands or mineral assets provided that a process for such approval or disapproval may be established by legislation;"

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

1. That the Crow Tribal Legislative and Executive Branches of the Crow Tribal Government hereby request that the Bureau of Indian Affairs transfer the below Described tracts to the Crow Tribe in trust pursuant to Government procedures for revocations of reserve status (restorations);

- A. Quarters No. 1300 Irrigation Reserve, a tract of land located within the Crow Agency Townsite in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 1, Township 3 South, Range 34 East, P.M.M., and known as Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 of Block 8, is more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Crow Agency Town Corner #8, thence S43°16'23"W., 218.08 to the True Point of Beginning; Thence S19°26'E, 140 feet; thence S70°34'W, 150 feet; thence N19°26'W, 140 feet; thence N70°34'E., 150 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing in all 0.48 acres, more or less. After transfer to Tribal land, the future intent is for Crow Legislative Branch use.
- B. Quarters No. 1020, Irrigation Reserve, a tract of land located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 1, Township 3 South, Range 34 East, M.P.M., Big Horn County, Montana, on the Crow Indian Reservation, is more particularly described as follows; Commencing at the Crow Agency Town Corner #8, thence S64°25'59"E., 141.42 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence N70°34'E., 96.7 feet; thence S19°26'E., 110.37 feet; thence S73°44'47"W., 96.85 feet; thence N19°26'W., 105 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing in all 0.24 acres, more or less.
- C. Area South of Main Road lying in Irrigation Yard – Area #4, A tract of land located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 1, Township 3 South, Range 34 East, P.M.M., described as follows: Beginning at Crow Agency, Montana, Town Corner #8, thence S89°01'23"E., 340.2 feet, to the true point of beginning, thence N70°35'07"E, 362.2. feet, thence S00°))'E., 150 feet, thence S78°08'56"W, 315.1 feet, thence N19°24'53"W. 100.0 feet, to the true point of beginning, containing in all 0.947 acres, more or less. After transfer to Tribal land, the future intent is for Little Big Horn College use.
- D. Horse Pasture Area #6, A tract of land located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 1, Township 3 South, Range 34 East, P.M.M., described as follows: Beginning at Crow Agency, Montana, Town Corner #8, thence N13°06'51"E., 1482.2. feet, to the true point of beginning, thence N89°14'04"E., 247.6 feet, thence S00°00'E., 364.7 feet, thence S87°50'07"W., 256.4 feet, N01°20'24"E., 371.2 feet, to the true point of beginning, containing in all 2.127 acres, more or less. After transfer to Tribal land, the future intent is for Little Big Horn College use.

- E. Crow Agency/Irrigation Reserve, A tract of land located in Section 1, Township 3 South, Range 34 East, P.M.M., of Big Horn County, on the Crow Indian Reservation is more particularly described as beginning at the E 1/16 of said Sec. 1, and is also corner No. 5 of the original Townsite of Crow Agency, thence N0°08'W, 278.0 feet to corner No. 6 of said Townsite; thence N17°17'W, 163 feet to corner No. 7 of said Townsite, thence N70°34'E., 289.0 feet to a point; thence S0°08'E., 384.242 feet, to a point, thence S89°24'E., 428.44 feet to a point on the West boundary of the Adams Addition of Crow Agency; thence S 0°08'E., 148.0 feet to the center East – East – (CEE) 1/64<sup>th</sup> corner; thence N89°24'W., 653.12 feet to E 1/16 corner, also Crow Agency Townsite No. 5 and the point of beginning, containing in all 4.086 acres, more or less. After transfer to Tribal land, the future intent is for Little Big Horn College use.
- F. Soap Creek Irrigation Reserve, A tract of land located at N½NW¼SW¼NE¼NE¼, W½E½NW¼NE¼W½E½ NE¼NW¼NE¼NE¼, W½NE¼SE¼NW¼NE¼NE¼, NW¼SE¼SE¼NW¼NE¼NE¼, W½NW¼NE¼NE¼, N½S½NW¼SW¼NE¼NE¼, W½NW¼NE¼SW¼NE¼NE¼, W½NW¼NE¼SW¼NE¼NE¼ of Section 29, Township 5 S., Range 32 E., containing 10.782 acres, more or less.
- G. Big Horn District Community Hall Irrigation Reserve (TR 7000), Consisting of a tract of land located in Section 23 at Township 4 South, Range 32 East, at W½NW¼SE¼NE¼, consisting of 5.0 acres, more or less. Upon acceptance by the Tribe as trust property, this parcel is intended for use by the Big Horn District, in accordance with the herein attached April 2, 2007 letter from the late Chairman Venne.
2. That the Executive Branch work with the BIA and/or GSA to negotiate, prepare and assemble all documents, agreements and information relating to the transfer, including but not limited to transfer documents, existing encumbrances and use agreements, if any, environmental site assessment, and all other information pertinent to the transfer, and present such final documents and information to the Legislature prior to acceptance of the reserve status property by the Tribe; and
  3. That the final acceptance of the reserve status property by the Crow Tribe shall be conditioned upon and subject to final approval by the Legislature.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that Joint Action Resolution entitled "A JOINT ACTION RESOLUTION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE AND THE CROW TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AND APPROVING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO MAKE A TRUST TRANSFER OF SEVEN CROW AGENCY PARCELS IN CONNECTION WITH ITS POLICY ON REVOCATION OF RESERVE STATUS" was duly adopted 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of **January 2010**.

  
Speaker of the House  
Crow Tribal Legislature

**ATTEST:**  
  
Secretary  
Crow Tribal Legislature

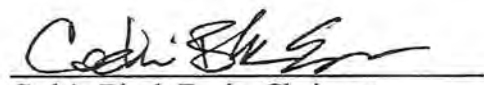
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**EXECUTIVE ACTION**

I hereby  approve or  veto

This Joint Action Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AND APPROVING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO MAKE A TRUST TRANSFER OF SEVEN CROW AGENCY PARCELS IN CONNECTION WITH ITS POLICY ON REVOCATION OF RESERVE STATUS" pursuant to the authority vested in the Chairman of the Executive Branch of the Crow Tribe by Article V, Section 8 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Tribe of Indians, on this 17 day of January 2010.

  
Cedric Black Eagle, Chairman  
Crow Tribal Executive Branch

Bill or Resolution

Number: JAR10-01 Introduced by: Executive Brach Date of Vote: January 13, 2010

<u>Representative:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
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>
K. Shane	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
S. Backbone, Sr.	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
O. Half, Jr.	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
W. Plainfeather	<u>X</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. De Crane	<u>X</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
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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>
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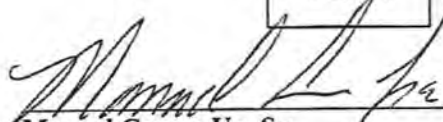
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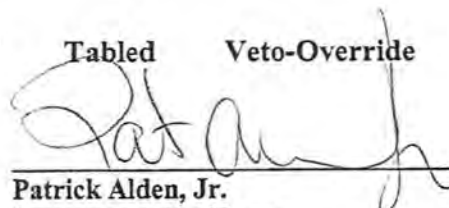
**Passed**

Not Passed

Tabled

Veto-Override

  
 Manuel Covers Up, Sr. Date  
 Speaker of the House

 1-27-10  
 Patrick Alden, Jr. Date  
 Secretary of the House





## CROW TRIBE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

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VICE CHAIRMAN

Scott Russell,  
SECRETARY

Darin Old Coyote,  
VICE SECRETARY

April 2, 2007

Mr. Edward Lone Fight, Superintendent  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Crow Indian Agency  
P.O. Box 69  
Crow Agency, MT. 59022

Dear Mr. Lone Fight:

This correspondence will serve as my official approval on behalf of the Crow Tribe for the use of the tract of land by the community of Big Horn (St. Xavier). This Property containing 20 acres will be use for the community for agricultural purposes. The purpose of this construction is for rodeo arena, and a community hall.

The tract of land request is: T. 4 S, R.32 E, Sec. 23: N ½ SE ¼ NE ¼ allotment number being T 7011R and T.4S R.32E Sec. 23, NW ¼ NW ¼ SE ¼ SW ¼ NW ¼ SE ¼ NE ¼ allotment number being TR7000.

I am directing you to process the necessary paperwork to reflect the Tribe's approval for this purpose.

Should any questions arise, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Gale Three Irons at 638-3785.

Sincerely,

Carl Venne, Chairman  
The Great Crow Nation

xc: Gale Three Irons, Crow Tribe