

**NORTHWEST INDIAN HOUSING ASSOCIATION (NWIHA)**  
**2016 Resolution #2016-1**

RE: A Resolution in Support of Retaining the Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Program within the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP).

**WHEREAS,** The Northwest Indian Housing Association (NWIHA) represents thirty-eight Indian Housing Authorities, Tribally Designated Housing Entities, and Tribal Housing Programs and Departments in Idaho, Oregon and Washington, and Annette Island, Alaska; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Mission of NWIHA is to promote safe, sanitary, decent and affordable housing for Tribal members in the Pacific Northwest, which it accomplishes by providing training and education opportunities; providing a forum for the discussion and resolution of issues; advocating for the collective benefit of all members; effectively linking members to information and financial resources; and working collaboratively with its industry partners; and,

**WHEREAS,** HUD's Department of Policy, Development and Research (PD&R) states that its mission is to inform policy development and implementation to improve life in American communities through conducting, supporting, and sharing research, surveys, demonstrations, program evaluations, and best practices; this mission does not support the intent of the training and technical assistance program; and

**WHEREAS,** President William Jefferson Clinton on November 6, 2000 issued Executive Order 13175 that stated in Section 5: "Consultation. (a) Each agency shall have an accountability process to ensure meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications. Within 30 days after the effective date of this order, the head of each agency shall designate an official with principal responsibility for the agency's implementation of this order. Within 60 days of the effective date of this order, the designated official shall submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a description of the agency's consultation process."; and

**WHEREAS,** In accordance with Executive Order 13175, HUD published its Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation policy on September 28, 2001 with the purpose to "enhance communication and coordination between HUD and federally recognized Indian tribes." Additionally, Section IV of the policy states that "when proposed federal government policies, programs or actions are determined by HUD as having tribal implications, HUD will notify the affected tribes(s) and take affirmative steps to consult and collaborate directly with the tribe(s) or its (their) designee; and

**WHEREAS,** The proposed movement of the T&TA Program from ONAP to PD&R has significant implications, and has been proposed without government-to-government consultations, directly contradicting HUD's own Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation policy.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Northwest Indian Housing Association strongly opposes any attempts to move the HUD Training and Technical Assistance Program or any associated funding from HUD ONAP to HUD's Office of Policy, Development and Research (PD&R); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Northwest Indian Housing Association urges the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI), the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) to join the Northwest Indian Housing Association in supporting this resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the foregoing Resolution #2016-1 was duly adopted by the Voting Membership of the Northwest Indian Housing Association Quarterly Meeting held at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort on April 19, 2016 with a quorum present.

BY:           /s/ Laurie Ann Cloud            
Laurie Ann Cloud, Chairman

ATTEST:

BY:           /s/ Wendy Lawrence            
Wendy Lawrence, Secretary