

NORTHWEST INDIAN HOUSING ASSOCIATION (NWIHA)
2016 Resolution #2016-2

RE: A Resolution Urging Congress to Continue to Provide Adequate Funding Levels for Native American Housing Programs.

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, The Indian Housing Block Grant is the single largest federal funding source for housing development in Indian Country and should be funded at \$877 million; and

WHEREAS: The Indian Community Development Block Grant is the primary funding source for community and infrastructure development and should be funded at the \$100 million level; and

WHEREAS: Section 703 of NAHASDA expressly authorizes appropriations for “a national organization representing Native American housing interests for providing training and technical assistance to Indian housing authorities and tribally designated housing entities”; to ensure the continuation of high-quality T&TA, Congress should appropriate funds under the Section 703 authority to the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) at \$4.8 million; and

WHEREAS: The Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program is a key mortgage financing tool that has demonstrated success in Indian Country and should be funded at \$18 million; and

WHEREAS: The Title VI Loan Guarantee Program is a key financial tool for Indian tribes and their tribally designated housing entities to spur housing and community development and should be funded at \$2 million dollars; and

WHEREAS: The funding for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant Program should be increased to at least \$20 million to address the significant needs for low-income and affordable housing on the Native Hawaiian Home Lands; and similarly, the Section 184A Loan Guarantee Program should be funded at the \$1 million level.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Indian Housing Association urges Congress to fund Native American housing programs at the following levels:

- Indian Housing Block Grant Program: \$877 million;
- Indian Community Development Block Grant Program: \$100 million;
- Section 703 for Training and Technical Assistance: \$4.8 million to NAIHC;
- Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program: \$18 million;
- Title VI Loan Guarantee Program: \$2 million;

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- Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant Program: \$20 million;
- Section 184A Loan Guarantee Program: \$1 million; 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 #2016-2 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