

**NORTHWEST INDIAN HOUSING ASSOCIATION  
(NWIHA)  
2016 Resolution #2016-3**

RE: A Resolution Urging HUD to Include Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities in the Section 8 Housing Voucher Program to Provide Rental Assistance.

- 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,** Tribally Designated Housing Entities "TDHEs" and Tribal Housing Departments have developed in excess of \$1 billion in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and other projects in Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** Unlike public housing agencies, Tribes have not been eligible to apply for Section 8 rental assistance housing vouchers since the implementation of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA); and
- WHEREAS,** NAHASDA does not provide for additional rental assistance funding such as Section 8 when Tribes develop and administer LIHTC units; and
- WHEREAS,** For example, Tribes subsidize LIHTC developments with rental assistance from the Indian Housing Block Grant which has a significant impact on Tribes ability to utilize its NAHASDA grant for other purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to support changing Formula Current Assisted Stock funded pursuant to Subpart D of 24 CFR 1000.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Northwest Indian Housing Association urges HUD and the Congress of the United States to include Tribes in the competitive Section 8 rental assistance program; 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 #2016-3 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