



2013 Mid-Year Convention Airway Heights, Washington

RESOLUTION #13 - 01

“A Resolution Supporting Reauthorization of Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA), Including the Proposed Consensus Amendments from National American Indian Housing Council.”

PREAMBLE

We the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties, Executive Orders, and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise to promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the ATNI; and

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, NWIHA is represented at ATNI through ATNI's Housing Committee; and,

WHEREAS, NWIHA's members carry out their housing activities largely under the auspices of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA), which was first adopted in 1996, and which has been reauthorized twice since that time; and,

WHEREAS, NAHASDA was last reauthorized in October 2008, and will expire on September 30, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, NAHASDA provides the authorization for the annual Indian Housing Block Grant, which provides the funding for NWIHA's members affordable housing activities; and,

WHEREAS, NAHASDA provides flexibility for tribes and TDHEs in the operation of their housing programs, allowing them to develop innovative methods for addressing housing issues in a manner responsive to their specific tribal communities; and,

WHEREAS, NAHASDA provides the means for tribes and TDHEs to develop successful and effective tribal and TDHE housing programs; and,

WHEREAS, While NAHASDA has been effective and successful, tribes and TDHEs have identified a number of ways in which NAHASDA can be improved; and,

WHEREAS, The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) conducted outreach among the various housing regions, including NWIHA, for input on proposed amendments that could strengthen and improve NAHASDA; and

WHEREAS, Based on that outreach and follow-up meetings of the NAIHC Legislative Committee and Board, NAIHC developed – through a consensus-based process – a proposed set of amendments for Congress to adopt as part of NAHASDA reauthorization, which set of amendments is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A; and,

WHEREAS, NWIHA's members have provided input into the consensus-based process and agree that the proposed amendments set out in Exhibit A are in the best interests of Indian housing programs within the Northwest region and across the United States.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians hereby joins with the Northwest Indian Housing Association to strongly urge the Congress of the United States to:

- (1) Reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act prior to its expiration on September 30, 2013, for a minimum of five years;
- (2) As part of NAHASDA reauthorization, adopt the proposed amendments set out in Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians respectfully requests the National American Indian Housing Council, the National Congress of American Indians, and all other regional Native American associations and organizations join NWIHA in supporting this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2013 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Northern Quest Resort Casino, Airway Heights, Washington on May 13 – 16, 2013 with a quorum present.

Fawn Sharp, President

Norma Jean Louie, Secretary

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H.R. ____ / S. ____

To reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 and for other purposes.

IN THE _____ OF THE UNITED STATES Month ____, 2013

Mr. / Ms. _____ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the

Committee on _____

A BILL

To reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.** This Act may be cited as the “Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2013”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.** The table of contents of this act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Table of contents for the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996

Sec. 3. Definitions.

TITLE I—BLOCK GRANTS AND GRANT REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 101. Block grants.

Sec. 102. Indian housing plans.

Sec. 103. Treatment of program income and labor standards.

Sec. 104. Environmental review.

TITLE II—AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTIVITIES

Sec. 201. National objectives and eligible families.

Sec. 202. Eligible affordable housing activities.

Sec. 203. Program requirements.

Sec. 205. Low-income requirement and income targeting.

Sec. 206. Tribal Coordination of Agency Funding.

Sec. 207. Lease requirements and tenant selection.

Sec. 208. Self-determined housing activities.

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TITLE III—ALLOCATION OF GRANT AMOUNTS

Sec. 301. Allocation of grant amounts.

TITLE IV—COMPLIANCE, AUDITS, AND REPORTS

Sec. 401. Remedies for noncompliance.

Sec. 402. Monitoring of compliance.

Sec. 403. Review and Audit by Secretary.

Sec. 404. Reports to Congress.

TITLE V—TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE FOR INDIAN TRIBES UNDER INCORPORATED PROGRAMS

Sec. 501. Termination of new commitments for rental assistance.

Sec. 502. Termination of Youthbuild program assistance.

Sec. 503. Public and Assisted Housing Drug Elimination Act of 1990.

Sec. 504. 50-year leasehold interest in trust or restricted lands for housing purposes.

Sec. 505. Training and technical assistance.

TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 601. Elimination of limitation on use for Cherokee Nation

Sec. 602. Reauthorization of Native Hawaiian Homeownership Act

Sec. 603. Support for Indian Self-Determination and Self-Government

Sec. 604. Indian Lands Title Report Commission

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 1996.

The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 note) is amended by striking the reference to “Sec. 206. Treatment of funds.”

TITLE I – BLOCK GRANTS AND GRANT REQUIREMENTS

SEC. 101. BLOCK GRANTS.

Section 101 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4111) is amended –

(1) in subsection (c) (25 U.S.C. 4111(c)) by adding at the end the following:

“If the Secretary fails to act on a waiver request submitted by a recipient under this section within 30 days of receipt, the waiver request shall be deemed approved.”;

(2) in subsection (j) (25 U.S.C. 4111(j)) by striking “section 501 of title 40,” and inserting “title 40 of the”; and.

(3) in subsection (k) (25 U.S.C. 411(k)) by striking “1” and inserting “an”.

SEC. 102. INDIAN HOUSING PLANS.

Section 102 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C.

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4112) is amended –

(1) in subsection 102(a)(1)(B) (25 U.S.C. 4112(a)(1)(B)), after the second reference to “tribe” by inserting the following:

“, provided that the Secretary may grant a waiver of the submission requirements upon meeting certain factors to be set out by regulation, and provided further that a request for such waiver shall be deemed approved if the Secretary does not act on such request within 45 days of receipt”; and

(2) in subsection 101(b)(2) (25 U.S.C. 4112(b)(2)) by striking in its entirety subsection (b)(2)(B).

SEC. 103. TREATMENT OF PROGRAM INCOME AND LABOR STANDARDS.

Section 104 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4114) is amended –

(1) in subsection 104(a) (25 U.S.C. 4114(a)) –

(A) by inserting a new subsection 104(a)(1)(C) (25 U.S.C. 4114(a)(1)(C) as follows:

(c) Provided, that any income that is realized by recipient from any program income shall be deemed non-program income and shall have no restrictions on use.

[pending language to align program income requirements with those for ICDBG program]; and

(B) by inserting a new subsection 104(a)(5) as follows:

“(5) REHABILITATION, REMODELING, MODIFICATIONS, AND REINVESTMENT. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the use of funding to renovate, remodel, modify, or otherwise reinvest in an existing development shall not affect the ability of the recipient to account for income generated by the development as non-program income.”; and

(2) in subsection 104(b)(3) (25 U.S.C. 4114(b)(3)) by inserting at the end thereof:

“Notwithstanding any other provision of law, tribally-determined wages adopted in accordance with this section shall apply to the administration of all federal funding for projects funded in part by funds authorized under this Act.”

SEC. 104. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.

Section 105 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4115) is amended –

(1) in subsection 105(d) (25 U.S.C. 4115(d)) by:

(a) striking the word “may” in the first sentence and inserting instead the word “shall;” and

(b) adding a new subsection 105(d)(5) as follows:

“(5) If the Secretary fails to act on a waiver request submitted by a recipient under this section within 45 days of receipt of said request, the waiver shall be deemed approved.”; and

(2) by adding a new subsection 105(e) (25 U.S.C. 4115(e)) as follows:

“Notwithstanding any other provision of law or use of any other source of funding for the project(s), compliance with the environmental review requirements of this section shall be deemed to fully comply with and discharge any other applicable environmental review requirements under any other federal statute or regulation.

TITLE II – AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTIVITIES

SEC. 201. NATIONAL OBJECTIVES AND ELIGIBLE FAMILIES.

Section 201 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4131) is amended by:

- (1) striking subsection 201(b)(5) (25 U.S.C. 4131(b)(5));
- (2) re-designating the first subsection 201(b)(6) (25 U.S.C. 4131(6)) pertaining to “Preference for tribal members and other Indian families” as subsection 201(b)(5);
- (3) in subsection 201(b)(6) (25 U.S.C. 4131(b)(6)) striking the word “and” after “1964” and inserting “,”; and
- (4) in subsection 201(b)(6) (25 U.S.C. 4131(b)(6)) inserting after “1968” the following:
“, and section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968”.

SEC. 202. ELIGIBLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTIVITIES.

Section 202 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4132) is amended:

- (1) in subsection 202(9)(A) (25 U.S.C. 4132(9)(A)) by:
 - (a) striking the word “only” after the word “tribe”;
 - (b) striking the phrase “administration and planning related to”; and
 - (c) inserting after “section,” the phrase “including but not limited to administration and planning,”.

SEC. 203. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

Section 203 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4133) is amended:

- (1)(A) by striking subsection 203(a)(2) (25 U.S.C. 4133(a)(2));
- (1)(B) in subsection 203(a)(2) (25 U.S.C. 4133(a)(2)) by:
 - (a) inserting before the word “assisted” the phrase “owned or managed by a recipient and”;
 - (b) inserting after the phrase “(as applicable)” the phrase “paid to the recipient”; and
 - (c) inserting after the final use of the word “family” the following:
“provided that the recipient may establish a reasonable minimum rental amount or administrative fee to cover the recipient’s basic administrative costs for managing the unit, to be paid even if it exceeds the 30% limit”; **Note: this language is intended as an alternative to (1)(A), which is the preferred approach. But if (1)(A) is not**

feasible, then this would be the proposal.

- (2) in subsection 203(c) (25 U.S.C. 4133(c)) by striking the phrase “or assisted with” and inserting instead the phrase “by a recipient”; and
- (2) in subsection 203(e) (25 U.S.C. 4133(e)) by striking the phrase “or assisted with” and inserting instead the phrase “units that are owned or operated by a recipient using”; and
- (3) by adding a new subsection 203(h) (25 U.S.C. 4133(h)) to read as follows:
“APPLICATION OF TRIBAL LAWS FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 shall not apply to a recipient’s activities under this Act, if such activities are otherwise covered by one or more laws or regulations adopted by an Indian tribe that requires the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities.”

SEC. 204. LOW-INCOME REQUIREMENT AND INCOME TARGETING.

Section 205 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4135) is amended:

- (1) in subsection 205(a)(1) (25 U.S.C. 4135(a)(1)) by striking the word “and” from the end of subsection 205(a)(1)(C) (25 U.S.C. 4135(a)(1)(C)) and inserting a new subsection 205(a)(1)(E) as follows:
“Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, in the case of rental housing that is made available to a current rental tenant for conversion to a homebuyer or lease-purchase unit, that the current rental tenant can purchase through a contract of sale, lease-purchase agreement, or any other sales agreement, is made available for occupancy only by a family that is a low-income family at the time of their initial occupancy of such unit; and”;
- (2) in subsection 205(a)(2) (25 U.S.C. 4135(a)(2)):
 - (a) by striking the words “satisfactory to the Secretary” and inserting instead “(the form of which shall be developed by regulation)”; and
 - (b) by striking the word “Secretary” after the phrase “as determined by the” and inserting instead the word “Recipient”; and
- (3) in subsection 205(c) (25 U.S.C. 4135(c)) by adding at the end the following: “Binding commitments for the remaining useful life of the property shall not apply to improvements of privately owned homes if the improvements in the homes are less than \$40,000.00.”

SEC. 205. TRIBAL COORDINATION OF AGENCY FUNDING.

(1) In general. – Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an Indian tribe may, in its discretion, use funds appropriated to the Indian Health Service for sanitation facilities construction for new and modified homes constructed with grant funds or otherwise facilitated with financial assistance provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SEC. 206. LEASE REQUIREMENTS AND TENANT SELECTION.

Section 207 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4137) is amended by inserting a new subsection 207(c) as follows:

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“Notice of Termination- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the notice period required by subsection (a)(3) above shall apply to all federal funds for projects and programs funded in part by amounts authorized under this Act.”

SEC. 207. SELF-DETERMINED HOUSING ACTIVITIES FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES.

Sections 231-235 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4145-4145d), are deleted.

TITLE III – ALLOCATION OF GRANT AMOUNTS

SEC. 301. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

- (1) Section 302 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4152) is amended in subsection 302(a)(2)(B) (25 U.S.C. 4152(a)(2)(B)) by striking the word “under” and inserting instead “until”.
- (2) Block Grants and Grant Requirements.--Section 108 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4117) is amended in the first sentence by striking “1998 through 2007” and inserting “2013 through 2018”.

TITLE IV – COMPLIANCE, AUDITS, AND REPORTS

SEC. 401. REMEDIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE.

Section 401 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4161) is amended:

- (1) in subsection 401(a)(1) (25 U.S.C. 4161(a)(1)) by:
 - (a) inserting after the phrase “the Secretary shall” the following:

“impose one of the following remedies, which may only be imposed under the circumstances described in this paragraph”; and
 - (b) in subsection 401(a)(1)(C) (25 U.S.C. 4161(a)(1)(C)) inserting after the word “comply” the following:

“, which shall include any action to limit, restrict, or condition release of payments under this Act to a recipient in any manner whatsoever , including any use of the procedure developed by the Office of Native American Programs known as Line of Credit Control System Edits, which constitutes a limitation on the availability of payments under this Act and requires the Secretary to give reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing before using Line of Credit Control System Edits to limit the availability of payments to a recipient”;
- (2) in subsection 401(a)(2) (25 U.S.C. 4161(a)(2)) by striking “not, in itself,”;
- (3) by re-designating subsections 401(a)(2), (3), and (4) (25 U.S.C. 4161 (a)(2), (3), and (4)) as subsections 401(a)(4), (5), and (6), respectively;
- (4) by adding after subsection 401(a)(1)(D) (25 U.S.C. 4161(a)(1)(D)) a new subsection 401(a)(2)

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as follows:

“(2) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS BY SECRETARY- The Secretary shall not impose any of the actions provided in subsection 401(a)(1) if more than three years have elapsed since the occurrence of the act of substantial noncompliance.”;

(5) by adding after subsection 401(a)(2) a new subsection 401(a)(3) as follows:

“(3) REALLOCATION OF FUNDING- Any grant funding recaptured by the Secretary under subsection 401(a) shall be reallocated to eligible recipients through the allocation formula.”

SEC. 403. MONITORING OF COMPLIANCE.

Section 403 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4163) is amended:

(1) by deleting the entirety of subsection 403(b) (25 U.S.C. 4163(b)) and inserting instead the following:

“(b) PERIODIC MONITORING- Periodically, each recipient shall review the activities conducted under this Act to assess compliance with the requirements of this Act. Such review may include an appropriate level of onsite inspection of housing assisted during the year to determine compliance with applicable requirements. The results of each review shall be included in the performance report of the recipient submitted to the Secretary under section 404 and made available to the public.”; and

SEC. 405. REVIEW AND AUDIT BY SECRETARY.

Section 405 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4165) is amended:

(1) by inserting a new subsection 405(c)(3) as follows:

“If the Secretary fails to issue a final report within 60 days of receiving comments from the recipient, the draft findings will all be deemed to have been closed.”;

(2) in subsection 405(d) (25 U.S.C. 4165(d)) by:

(a) striking the words “Subject to section 401(a),” and capitalizing the letter “A” in the word “after”; and

(b) inserting after the final use of the word “audits” the following:

“, except that grant amounts already expended on affordable housing activities may not be recaptured or deducted from future assistance provided on behalf of an Indian tribe. All recaptures and adjustments made under this section must be processed in accordance with subsection 401(a)”.

SEC. 407. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.

Section 407 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4167) is amended in subsection 407(a) by inserting after the word “Congress” the phrase “, and to each Indian tribe and recipient authorized to receive funding under this Act,”.

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SEC. 408. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.

Section 408 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4168) is amended in subsection 408(a) by deleting the phrase “the general public” and instead inserting “citizens of the jurisdiction of the Recipient”.

TITLE V – OTHER HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

SEC. 501. TERMINATION OF NEW COMMITMENTS FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE.

Section 503 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4182) is amended by striking the entire section and inserting instead the following:

“Notwithstanding any other provision of law, financial assistance under the United States Housing Act of 1937 [42 U.S.C. 1437] may be provided by the Secretary to any Indian housing authority or tribally designated housing entity.”

SEC. 502. TERMINATION OF YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM ASSISTANCE.

Section 504 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4183) is amended by **[pending language to restore tribal/TDHE eligibility for Youthbuild Program]**.

SEC. 503. PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING DRUG ELIMINATION ACT OF 1990.

42 U.S.C. 11902. Authority to make grants under 1990 Act

(a) In general. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter, may make grants to public housing agencies, public housing resident management corporations that are principally managing, as determined by the Secretary, public housing projects owned by public housing agencies, recipients of assistance under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 [25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.], Indian tribes and private, for-profit and nonprofit owners of federally assisted low-income housing for use in eliminating drug-related and violent crime.

(a) Eligible Activities. The Public and Assisted Housing Drug Elimination Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 11903) is amended by

(1) in subsection (7) by striking the final “and”

(2) In subsection (8) by striking the period after the last reference to “projects” and inserting a comma in lieu thereof, and

(3) Inserting a new subsection (9) as follows:

“(9) the physical clean-up and remediation of structures and related infrastructure damaged and rendered unfit for human habitation or other use due to the previous conduct of methamphetamine-related activities in such structures.”

SEC.504. 50-YEAR LEASEHOLD INTEREST IN TRUST OR RESTRICTED LANDS FOR HOUSING PURPOSES.

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Section 702 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4211) is amended in subsection (c)(1) by inserting after the word “law,” the words “,whether enacted into law prior to, or after, the enactment of this section”

SEC. 505. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

Section 703 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4212) is amended by:

- (1) striking the words “of fiscal years 2009 through 2013”; and
- (2) inserting instead “for each fiscal year for which funds are appropriated pursuant to section 108 of this Act.”

TITLE VI – MISCELLANEOUS

SEC. 601. ELIMINATION OF LIMITATION ON USE FOR CHEROKEE NATION.

Section 801 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2008 is deleted.

SEC. 602. REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT.

Section 824 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4243) is amended by striking “2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005,” and inserting instead “2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018.”

SEC. 603. NATIVE PREFERENCE REQUIRED AT THE OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS.

The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.) is amended by adding a new section 825 at the end thereof as follows:

“Section 4244. Support for Indian Self-Determination and Self-Government.

(a) In general. Consistent with the recognition of a unique relationship between the Government of the United States and the governments of Indian tribes, and the unique Federal responsibility to Indian people, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service have successfully implemented an Indian preference in hiring qualified Indians at all levels of those agencies with the objective of supporting Indian self-determination and fostering tribal self-government.

(b) Office of Native American Programs. The department’s Office of Native American Programs’ primary purpose is to provide housing and related services to American Indians and Alaska Natives and, consistent with previous congressional enactments and Supreme Court decisions, that office shall develop and implement a policy that provides for Indian preference in opportunities for employment, vacancies, training and promotion.”

SEC. 604. INDIAN LANDS TITLE REPORT COMMISSION.

(a) Section 701(b)(1) of the American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000 (Pub. Law 106-569) is amended

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(1) in subsection (a) by striking the words “Subject to sums being provided in advance in appropriations Acts”

(2) in subsection (b)(1) by striking the words “this Act” and inserting instead the following: “the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act Amendments of 2013.”