

2009 Winter Conference Tulalip, Washington

RESOLUTION #09 - 04

"SUPPORT FOR FUNDING OF SECTION 703 OF NAHASDA FOR TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM"

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 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 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, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians is a regional organization comprised of American Indians 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 ATNI; and

WHEREAS, the United States (U.S.) Congress recognized the need for housing assistance and economic development in Indian Country when they passed the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) as amended; and

WHEREAS, NAHASDA provides in Section 703 that funding be provided to a national organization representing Native American housing interests to provide training and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, this training and technical assistance is essential to Tribes who provide low-income housing for their members through the Indian Housing Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, this training and technical assistance is essential for the ATNI and all of Indian Country to allow Tribes to stay in compliance with NAHASDA and to train their staff regarding housing regulations, policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the National American Indian Housing Council has historically provided training and technical assistance to tribes through Section 703 of NAHASDA; and

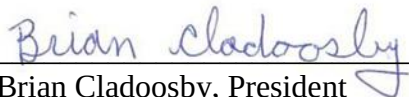
WHEREAS, the FY 2009 President's budget request does not include any funding to a national organization representing Native American housing interests for providing for training and technical assistance to Indian housing authorities and tribally designated housing entities; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians requests that no less than \$4.8 million of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development budget be appropriated to a national organization for training and technical assistance to tribes, as well as funding for all ensuing years be labeled as a separate appropriation to a national organization for training and technical assistance; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians supports appropriations through Section 703 of NAHASDA for training and technical assistance to be provided by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development to the National American Indian Housing Council.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2009 Winter Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Tulalip Resort & Casino, Tulalip, Washington on February 19, 2009 with a quorum present.


Brian Cladoosby, President


Norma Jean Louie, Secretary