



2020 Virtual Annual Convention

RESOLUTION #2020 – 31

NAHASDA Reauthorization

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 Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) of 1996 reorganized how the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's housing assistance is provided to Indian Tribes by eliminating several separate programs and replacing them with the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG), a formula-based grant program, and the Title VI Loan Guarantee, which provides financing guarantees to Indian Tribes for private market loans in order to develop affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, The Indian Housing Block Grant ("IHBG") is the single largest source of federal funding for housing in Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 and 2008, NAHASDA was reauthorized for a period of five years; and although authorization for NAHASDA expired in 2013, Congress has continued to fund the program annually through the appropriations process; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby urge Congress to reauthorize NAHASDA for a period of ten (10) years through 2031; and

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

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2020 Virtual Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Portland, Oregon, on October 5 – 8, 2020, with a quorum present.

Leonard Forsman, President

Norma Jean Louie, Secretary