



2020 Virtual Annual Convention

RESOLUTION #2020 – 32

“HOUSING FY 2021 FUNDING”

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, there is a tremendous shortage of housing in Tribal communities throughout Indian Country, with overcrowding and lack of resources to construct new housing; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Housing Block Grant ("IHBG") is the single largest source of federal funding for housing in Indian Country, and IHBG appropriations have been static for the past 20 years, and have actually decreased when inflation is taken into account; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby urge Congress to increase the Indian Housing Block Grant appropriation by \$100 million, a minimum of \$750 million, to be disbursed through the funding formula for Fiscal Year 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support that any additional funds that are appropriated be included into the Formula funding so that all tribes can benefit; and

BE IT FINALLY 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