



2021 Virtual Annual Convention

RESOLUTION #2021 – 33

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT

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 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 ATNI; and

WHEREAS, The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) affirms and supports tribal self-determination in meeting the housing needs of low-income tribal members; and

WHEREAS, Funding for the Native American Housing Block Grant (NAHBG) has been stagnant since enactment of NAHASDA and has not kept pace with inflation; and

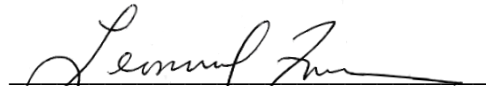
WHEREAS, as a result of flat lined funding in the NAHBG and inflation, the deficit of affordable housing in Indian Country has continued to increase and waiting lists have continued to grow; and

WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services acknowledges the need to increase NAHBG funding to \$2,000,000,000 in the Housing Is Infrastructure Act of 2021; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI supports and encourages the United States Congress to increase the NAHBG to \$2,000,000,000 under Title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.) and increase the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant to \$50,000,000.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2021 Virtual Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Portland, Oregon, on September 27-30, 2021, with a quorum present.


Leonard Forsman, President


Norma Jean Louie, Secretary