



2026 Midyear Convention Ferndale, Washington

RESOLUTION # 2026 – 025

“SUPPORT FOR NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2026”

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 the representatives and advocates for national, regional, and specific Tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and Indian Tribal governments 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) established the federal framework for Tribal housing assistance and created

the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Native American Programs; and

WHEREAS, Congress enacted NAHASDA to fulfill the federal trust responsibility to promote safe, affordable housing for Native communities while strengthening Tribal self-determination in the administration of housing programs; and

WHEREAS, NAHASDA has supported the development and rehabilitation of hundreds of thousands of housing units and enabled Tribes to design housing programs responsive to local community needs; and

WHEREAS, NAHASDA was last authorized in 2008 and has not been reauthorized since its authorization expired in 2013, creating uncertainty for long-term housing planning in Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, Representatives Troy Downing (R-MT) and Janelle Bynum (D-OR) have introduced the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2026, which would reauthorize NAHASDA through fiscal year 2032 while modernizing key provisions affecting Tribal housing development; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation includes important improvements that support Tribal housing programs, including streamlining environmental review requirements, strengthening Tribal program flexibility, modernizing the Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program, supporting housing for Native veterans, and reducing regulatory barriers that increase housing development costs in Indian Country; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI hereby expresses its support for the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act (NAHASDA) of 2026, as introduced by Representatives Troy Downing and Janelle Bynum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI urges the United States Congress to advance and enact this legislation in order to strengthen Tribal housing programs and ensure continued investment in housing for Native communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI authorizes the public dissemination of this resolution as an expression of support for the timely reauthorization and modernization of NAHASDA; and

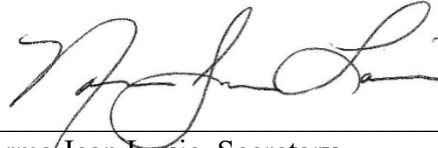
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this will be the policy of ATNI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution(s).

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians 2026 Midyear Convention held at the Silver Reef Casino Resort in Ferndale, Washington, on May 17-21, 2026, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary