



## Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

### **2008 Winter Conference Yakima, Washington**

#### **RESOLUTION #08 - 26**

#### **"SUPPORT REINSTATING THE NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING PROGRAM 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 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 Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Indian Housing Association (NWIHA) represents thirty-six Indian Housing Authorities and Tribally Designated Housing Entities in Idaho, Oregon and Washington, and Annette Island, Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the NWIHA is to promote safe, sanitary, decent and affordable housing for tribal members in the Pacific Northwest, which it accomplishes by providing training and education opportunities; providing a forum for the discussion and resolution of issues; advocating for the collective benefit of all members; effectively linking members to information and financial resources; and working collaboratively with its industry partners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), P.L.104-330, was passed by the United States Congress to provide low income housing for Indian families and recognized the right of tribal self-determination; and

**WHEREAS**, tribes and tribal entities are in need of ongoing Technical Assistance and Training (TA & T), much of which were previously provided through NAIHC in order to successfully administer NAHASDA programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the NAIHC TA & T programs provide crucial training for the beneficiaries of NAHASDA funding; and

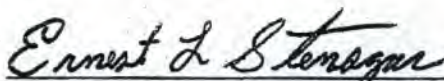
**WHEREAS**, a recent study conducted regionally by NAIHC, completed in March 2006, highlighted the urgent and expanding need to continue the TA & T program in Indian Country; and

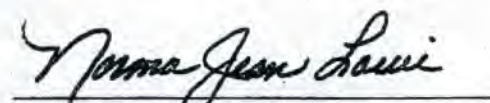
**WHEREAS**, federal appropriations for the TA & T program, historically funded at \$5 million per year, has been eliminated in Fiscal Year 2007 which resulted in discontinuing of all free training and substantially reducing technical assistance that tribal housing entities rely upon; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians joins the Northwest Indian Housing Association in asking Congress to immediately reinstate funding to NAIHC for its Technical Assistance and Training program at the Fiscal Year 2006 level of \$4 million.

#### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2008 Winter Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Yakima Convention Center, Yakima, Washington on January 25, 2008, with a quorum present.

  
Ernest L. Stensgar, President

  
Norma Jean Louie, Secretary