



## 2010 MID-YEAR CONFERENCE GRAND RONDE, OR

### RESOLUTION #10 - 37

#### “SUPPORT FOR FUNDING NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING”

### 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**, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives 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**, now housing conditions and the availability of housing in Indian country fall far below those of the general U.S. population; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2000 U.S. Census, nearly 12 percent of Native American households lack plumbing compared to 1.2 percent of the general U.S. population; and

**WHEREAS**, Indian households are nearly three times more likely to be severely overcrowded; and

**WHEREAS**, the President's 2011 budget request seeks \$580 million for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program, which provides the bulk of funding for Indian housing; and that level is 17% less than the level enacted for 2010; and,

**WHEREAS**, the President's 2011 budget request for the IHBG Program represents the lowest single-year funding amount since the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) became law in 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program funds essential infrastructure for our communities, including sewer and running water; and

**WHEREAS**, rising costs and associated inflationary factors have hampered the development of infrastructure in Indian country; and

**WHEREAS**, the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) provides its on-site Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Program which enables Tribes to effectively manage and carry out Indian housing activities by providing such on-site training and technical assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the President's 2011 budget request zeroed out funding for NAIHC T&TA Program; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI strongly urges the Congress of the United States to:

- (1) Fund the IHBG Program at \$875 million;
- (2) Fund the ICDBG Program at \$100 million; and,
- (3) Fund the NAIHC T&TA Program at \$4.8 million.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2010 Mid Year Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Spirit Mountain Casino, Grand Ronde, Oregon, May 17-20, 2010 with a quorum present.

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Brian Cladoosby, President

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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary