2012 Mid-Year Convention
Lincoln City, Oregon

RESOLUTION #12 - 28

"REQUESTING THE NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL (NAIHC) TO INCORPORATE THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM INTO THEIR TRAINING CURRICULA"

PREAMBLE

We the members of 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, 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, the Northwest Indian Housing Association (NWIHA) represents thirty-eight Indian Housing Authorities and Tribally Designated Housing Entities in Idaho, Oregon and Washington, and Annette Island, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Mission of 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, NWIHA has strongly encouraged its members to provide housing opportunities to Veterans and all qualifying and eligible Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Mission of the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) is to effectively and efficiently promote and support American Indians, Alaskan Natives and native Hawaiians in their self-determined goal to provide culturally relevant and quality affordable housing for native people; and

WHEREAS, in support of their Mission, NAIHC provides training and technical assistance to tribal housing authorities, Tribally-Designated Housing Authorities and Tribal housing professionals; and

WHEREAS, the use of the Veterans Administration (VA) Guaranteed Loan Program has been limited among Native American veterans, and NAIHC must take steps to provide more training and education on VA lending programs to tribal housing authorities, Tribally-Designated Housing Entities and Tribal housing professionals; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI joins with the Northwest Indian Housing Association in requesting that the National American Indian Housing Council incorporate the Veterans Administration guaranteed loan program into their training curricula.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2012 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Chinook Winds Casino Resort, Lincoln City, Oregon, on May 21 – 24, 2012, with a quorum present.

Fawn Sharp, President

Norma Jean Louie, Secretary