



2012 Annual Convention Pendleton, Oregon

RESOLUTION #12 - 50

“AGAINST THE SEQUESTRATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT (NAHASDA) FUNDS”

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 to 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 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, the Federal Government has implemented automatic budget cuts (known as "Sequestration") taking effect on January 2, 2013, across all Federally funded discretionary programs, including the NAHASDA program that is the main source of funds granted to Indian Tribes and Alaska Natives to operate their housing programs; and

WHEREAS, Congress has consistently funded the NAHASDA program at \$650M, which is still not at the annual level as documented by housing need studies in Indian country estimated at \$1.2B a year, which has consistently been requested by members of the National American Indian Housing Council and National Congress of American Indians; and

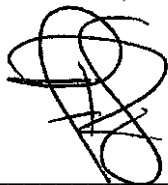
WHEREAS, NWIHA members agree that further cutbacks in the NAHASDA funds as well as cutbacks in other housing subsidy, assistance or financing programs mandated by Sequestration would devastate the families currently being served and those yet to be served with those funds; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby join with the Northwest Indian Housing Association to urge Congress to delay the implementation of the automatic budget cuts known as Sequestration, or enact legislation that reverses these cuts, on or before their effective date of January 2, 2013; and

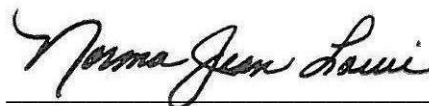
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby join with the Northwest Indian Housing Association to urge Congress to implement an immediate increase in funding levels for NAHASDA from its current \$650M to \$1.2B per year to begin to meet the housing needs in Indian country.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2012 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Wildhorse Resort and Casino, Pendleton, Oregon on September 24 – 27, 2012 with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary