



## **2015 Annual Convention Spokane, Washington**

### **RESOLUTION #15 - 48**

**“URGE THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT INVOLVE THE NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL IN THE PROCESS OF VETTING AND SELECTING A QUALIFIED NATIVE AMERICAN CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY”**

### **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 Deputy Assistant Secretary position with the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), in its Office of Native American Programs (ONAP), is acknowledged by all to be a key position; and

**WHEREAS**, the collective success of National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), Northwest Indian Housing Association (NWIHA) and its member Tribes, Tribal Housing Authorities and Tribally-Designated Housing Entities depends on the effective collaboration with HUD and its ONAP; and

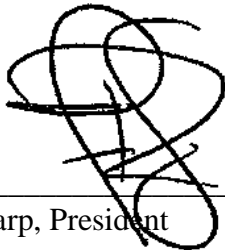
**WHEREAS**, the selection of the appropriately qualified Native American candidate for the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary within HUD's ONAP is crucial to that collective success in the future; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI urges HUD to involve the NAIHC in the process of vetting and selecting a qualified Native American candidate for the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary; and

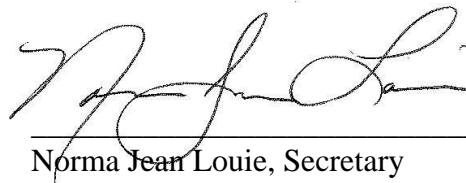
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI urges the National Congress of American Indians, the NAIHC, and the eight (8) other regional NAIHC housing organizations to join the NWIHA in supporting this resolution.

### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2015 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Northern Quest Resort and Casino, Spokane, Washington on September 14-17, 2015, with a quorum present.



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Fawn Sharp, President



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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary