



2016 Mid-Year Convention Grand Ronde, Oregon

RESOLUTION #16 - 29

“SUPPORT OF RETAINING THE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITHIN THE OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS”

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, Tribally Designated Housing Entities, and Tribal Housing Programs and Departments 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, Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Department of Policy, Development and Research (PD&R) states that its mission is to inform policy development and implementation to improve life in American communities through conducting, supporting, and sharing research, surveys, demonstrations, program evaluations, and best practices; this mission does not support the intent of the training and technical assistance program; and

WHEREAS, President William Jefferson Clinton on November 6, 2000 issued Executive Order 13175 that stated in Section 5:

“Consultation. (a) Each agency shall have an accountability process to ensure meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications. Within 30 days after the effective date of this order, the head of each agency shall designate an official with principal responsibility for the agency's implementation of this order. Within 60 days of the effective date of this order, the designated official shall submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a description of the agency's consultation process;” and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Executive Order 13175, HUD published its Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation policy on September 28, 2001 with the purpose to “enhance communication and coordination between HUD and federally recognized Indian tribes,” and additionally, Section IV of the policy states that “when proposed federal government policies, programs or actions are determined by HUD as having tribal implications, HUD will notify the affected tribes(s) and take affirmative steps to consult and collaborate directly with the tribe(s) or its (their) designee;” and

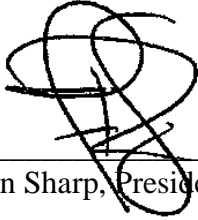
WHEREAS, the proposed movement of the Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Program from Office of Native American Programs to PD&R has significant implications, and has been proposed without government-to-government consultations, directly contradicting HUD's own Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation policy; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby join the Northwest Indian Housing Association to strongly oppose any attempts to move the HUD T&TA Program or any associated funding from HUD Office of Native American Programs to HUD's Office of Policy, Development and Research; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI hereby urges the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) to join the Northwest Indian Housing Association in supporting this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2016 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Spirit Mountain Casino, Grand Ronde, Oregon on May 23-26, 2016, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean-Louie, Secretary