



2016 Mid-Year Convention Grand Ronde, Oregon

RESOLUTION #16 - 31

“URGING HUD TO INCLUDE TRIBES AND TRIBALLY DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTITIES IN THE SECTION 8 HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM TO PROVIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE”

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 (TDHE), 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, TDHEs and Tribal Housing Departments have developed in excess of \$1 billion in Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and other projects in Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, unlike public housing agencies, Tribes have not been eligible to apply for Section 8 rental assistance housing vouchers since the implementation of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA); and

WHEREAS, NAHASDA does not provide for additional rental assistance funding such as Section 8 when Tribes develop and administer LIHTC units; and

WHEREAS, Tribes subsidize LIHTC developments with rental assistance from the Indian Housing Block Grant which has a significant impact on Tribes ability to utilize its NAHASDA grant for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this resolution shall be construed to support changing Formula Current Assisted Stock funded pursuant to Subpart D of 24 CFR 1000; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby join the Northwest Indian Housing Association to urge Housing and Urban Development and the Congress of the United States to include Tribes in the Section 8 rental assistance program; and

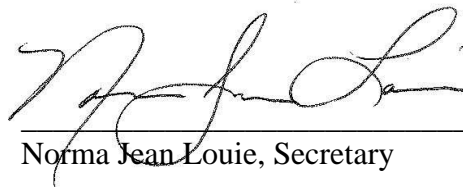
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI hereby urges the National Congress of American Indians to join the Northwest Indian Housing Association in supporting this resolution.

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