



## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS, 2<sup>ND</sup> SESSION APPROPRIATIONS, LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY MATTERS

### ◆ Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations

- Fully fund the Indian Housing Block Grant (\$875 million) and the Indian Community Development Block Grant (\$100 million)
- Ensure high-quality Indian housing program implementation by funding NAIHC's training and technical assistance at not less than \$5 million
- Appropriate \$50 million for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Housing Improvement Program

### ◆ Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA)

- Urge swift enactment of the Hawaiian Homeownership and Opportunity Act of 2009 (S.72 and H.R.709) to reauthorize NAHASDA's Housing Program for Native Hawaiians
- Urge swift implementation by HUD of the 2008 NAHASDA amendments, and complete the negotiated rulemaking by October 2010

### ◆ Tribal Economic Development and Indian Land Issues

- Encourage Congress and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to develop meaningful reforms of the Indian Land Title Records Office to encourage homeownership and business development
- Urge swift enactment of the "Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act" (H.R.2523) to authorize tribes to develop and manage their own surface land leasing regulations

### ◆ Reauthorize the Public and Indian Housing Drug Elimination Program at HUD (S.1327).

This legislation will maximize Federal resources to reduce illicit drug use in and around low-income housing in Native communities

### ◆ Protect Native Veterans by Enacting the Veterans Income Exclusion Bill (H.R.3553).

This legislation will exclude from the calculation of a veteran's income any amounts he or his family receives from the Department of Veterans Affairs for service-related disabilities.

### ◆ Encourage the introduction and passage of an Indian Housing, Weatherization, and Energy Efficiency proposal to ensure Indian tribal communities are included in existing and proposed home weatherization and state-of-the art energy efficiency initiatives

### ◆ Ensure the funding made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is being expended in a timely and effective way by monitoring agency implementation of the stimulus provisions related to Indian housing and Indian community development

### ◆ Financing Housing and Community Development. Ensure Native communities have full access to capital, including banking products, to spur business and economic development on Indian lands

### ◆ AMERIND Risk Management Corporation.

- Encourage the use of self-insurance plans by Indian tribes across the nation
- Urge swift enactment of legislation to provide catastrophic protection in the event AMERIND incurs claims exceeding \$35 million resulting from natural disasters
- Secure Federal agency recognition that AMERIND is a viable source of insurance protection for property in Indian Country using Federal subsidies provided by any Federal agency