



**NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #2007-07**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UTILIZING TRIBAL ENROLLMENT
RECORDS FOR ALLOCATING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FEDERAL
GRANTS**

- WHEREAS, the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) represents the housing interests of American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages and more than 265 tribally designated housing entities; and
- WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the organization is to promote advocacy for policy and legislative changes that will favorably impact our primary goals of providing safe, decent, and affordable housing for Indian people in a manner recognizing the unique government-to-government relationship of tribes and the federal government; and
- WHEREAS, the Northwest Indian Housing Association (NWIHA) represents thirty-four 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 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), P.L.104-330, was passed by the United States Congress to provide low-income housing for Indian families and recognized the right of tribal self-determination; and
- WHEREAS, the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program is a key element for funding tribal housing programs under NAHASDA; and
- WHEREAS, the definition of an Indian and an Indian tribe is clearly defined within NAHASDA at:
Section 4, paragraph (9), "INDIAN- The term 'Indian' means any person who is a member of an Indian tribe."

Section 4, paragraph (12)(A), "IN GENERAL- The term 'Indian Tribe' means a tribe that is a federally recognized tribe or a State recognized tribe."; and

WHEREAS, many persons identifying as "Multi-Race" for the purposes of the Census do not meet the definition of "Indian" under NAHASDA; and

WHEREAS, federal and state recognized tribes maintain enrollment rolls or other records, which clearly delineates the blood quantum and enrollment requirements for their membership.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National American Indian Housing Council does hereby demand that HUD utilize Tribal Enrollment Records in the formula calculations for Indian Housing Block Grant funding allocation purposes as required under NAHASDA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National American Indian Housing Council recommends that the National Congress of American Indians, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, and all other regional Native American associations and organizations join NAIHC in advocating aggressively to require that Federal agencies immediately cease the practice of using Multi-Race data collected for US Census purposes for allocating appropriations under all Federal programs.

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