



"A Tradition of Native American Housing"

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL RESOLUTION #2008-01

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS OF THE NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL TO REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY ON ALL RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) represents the housing interests of American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages and more than 240 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, occasionally NAIHC members are strongly divided on important policy and procedural issues; and

WHEREAS, sometimes such divisions are able to be worked out easily, and other times they are not, but important policy and procedural issues are best taken care of by and among NAIHC members; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages and more than 240 tribally designated housing entities who are members of NAIHC to present a unified voice in Congress and to the public in general; and

WHEREAS, the NAIHC bylaws do not specifically address this issue and need to be clarified to prevent NAIHC from advocating against its own members publically, particularly with Congress, by requiring a supermajority to adopt resolutions; and

WHEREAS, a conforming change is needed to amend language in Article XVII of the bylaws, which currently allows for amendment of the bylaws by a simple majority vote.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National American Indian Housing Council does hereby amend its bylaws by adding a new Article XVIII thereto to read as follows:

“Article XVIII
Supermajority Requirement for Resolutions”

“Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws, any resolution proposed for a vote of the membership at a duly-called meeting under these bylaws will require an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3^{rds}) of the voting members present at any regular or special meeting of the members”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National American Indian Housing Council does hereby amend the first sentence of Article XVII of its bylaws to read as follows:

“These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a resolution, if at least thirty days' written notice is given either by mail or facsimile to each voting member of intention to alter, amend or repeal or to adopt new bylaws at the meeting.”

CERTIFICATION

As the duly appointed Secretary for the National American Indian Housing Council, I hereby certify that Resolution #2008-01, was adopted at NAIHC's 34th Annual Business Meeting in Seattle, Washington on May 14, 2008, with a quorum present.



Marty Shuravloff, Chairman



Jason Adams, Secretary