



*"A Tradition of Native American Housing"*

**NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION #2008-02**

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS OF THE NATIONAL AMERICAN  
INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL TO INCLUDE NATIVE HAWAIIANS**

WHEREAS, the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) represents the housing interests of American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages and more than 266 tribally designated housing entities (TDHE); 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 NAIHC bylaws allow Indian tribes and TDHEs that receive grants for Native American housing from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to be eligible for full voting membership; and

WHEREAS, one Native Hawaiian entity is currently the authorized recipient of grants from HUD under the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the NAIHC bylaws do not allow Native Hawaiian entities to become full voting members, yet such entities are recognized geographically as being in Region 9; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of Native Hawaiian entities will have no effect on the funding for Indian tribes and TDHEs currently receiving grant funds from HUD through the Indian Housing Block Grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National American Indian Housing Council does hereby amend Article II, Section 2, of its bylaws by inserting the phrase "a Native Hawaiian entity," after the phrase "Tribally Designated Housing Entities," in the first sentence of that section and insert the following new footnote, "All references to "Indian" or tribal" are interpreted to extend to a Native Hawaiian entity that is a member of NAIHC"; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National American Indian Housing Council does hereby amend Article III, Section 1, of its bylaws by inserting the phrase, "a Native Hawaiian entity," after the word "tribes."**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the National American Indian Housing Council does hereby amend Article III, Section 2(a) of its bylaws as follows:

1. By striking the word “and” at the end of Section 2(a)2;
2. By striking the period at the end of Section 2(a)3, and inserting in lieu thereof, “and”; and
3. By adding a new subsection (a)4 at the end of Section 2, to read as follows:

“A single Native Hawaiian entity (currently the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, or any successor entity) that is the authorized recipient of grants for Native Hawaiian housing from HUD (or any successor agency)”;

**BE IT FINNALLY RESOLVED**, that the National American Indian Housing Council does hereby amend Article XIII, Section 1 (Annual Dues), of its bylaws by renumbering subsection (b) thereof as subsection (c), and by adding a new subsection (b) thereto, to read as follows:

(b) “Dues for the Native Hawaiian entity shall be in accordance with the same schedule as Article XIII, Section 1(a), of these bylaws, as applied to the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant from HUD for the fiscal year immediately preceding the billing.”

#### CERTIFICATION

As the duly appointed Secretary for the National American Indian Housing Council, I hereby certify that Resolution #2008-02, was adopted at NAIHC’s 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting in Seattle, Washington on May 14, 2008, with a quorum present.



Marty Shuravloff, Chairman



Jason Adams, Secretary