



"A Tradition of Native American Housing"

**NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #2008-04**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIVE
AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT**

- 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; 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 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) is comprised of housing programs for Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages, and is due for reauthorization now; and
- WHEREAS, NAHASDA affords tribes the opportunity to fulfill the promise of self-sufficiency and become providers of housing for their populations by returning key decisions from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Indian tribes; and
- WHEREAS, it is sadly still the case that more than 11 percent of Native American homes lack plumbing, far higher than the 1.2 percent the rest of the Nation faces; one in five Native Americans live in overcrowded homes, on some reservations as many as 25 to 30 people live in a three-bedroom house; and
- WHEREAS, Indian Country needs NAHASDA amended, extended and reauthorized because it is one of a dozen major laws relating to the welfare of Indian tribes and Alaska Natives; and
- WHEREAS, the House of Representatives has approved H.R.2786—the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007, and the Senate has introduced S.2062, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National American Indian Housing Council does hereby urge the United States Congress to act swiftly to approve the reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 2007.

CERTIFICATION

As the duly appointed Secretary for the National American Indian Housing Council, I hereby certify that Resolution #2008-04, 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