



"A Tradition of Native American Housing"

**NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #2009-02**

**SUPPORT FOR FUNDING OF SECTION 703 OF NAHASDA FOR TRAINING
AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) is comprised of 273 voting members representing the housing interests of American Indian tribes, Alaska Natives, and native Hawaiians; 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 culturally relevant and quality affordable housing for Native people in a manner recognizing the unique government-to-government relationship of tribes and the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress recognized the need for housing assistance and economic development in Indian Country when they passed the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) as amended; and

WHEREAS, NAHASDA provides in Section 703 that funding be provided to a national organization representing Native American housing interests to provide training and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, this training and technical assistance is essential to tribes who provide low-income housing for their members through the Indian Housing Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, this training and technical assistance is essential for the all of Indian Country to allow tribes to stay in compliance with NAHASDA and to train their staff regarding housing regulations, policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the NAIHC has historically provided training and technical assistance to tribes through Section 703 of NAHASDA; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2009 President's budget request does not include any funding to a national organization representing Native American housing interests for providing for training and technical assistance to Indian housing authorities and tribally designated housing entities; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the National American Indian Housing Council requests that no less than \$4.8 million of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development budget be appropriated to a national organization for training and technical assistance to tribes, as well as funding for all ensuing years be labeled as a separate appropriation to a national organization for training and technical assistance; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the appropriations through Section 703 of NAHASDA for training and technical assistance should be provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to the National American Indian Housing Council.

CERTIFICATION

As the duly appointed Secretary for the National American Indian Housing Council, I hereby certify that Resolution #2009-02, was adopted at NAIHC's 35th Annual Business Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana on May 14, 2009, with a quorum present.



Marty Shuravloff, Chairman



Jason Adams, Secretary