



*“A Tradition of Native American Housing”*

**NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION #2009-03**

**ENDORSEMENT OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY  
ACT OF 2009**

**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 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) is comprised of different housing programs for Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and native Hawaiian communities; and

**WHEREAS,** on October 14, 2008 the President of the United States signed into law H.R. 2786, an Act of Congress to amend and reauthorize NAHASDA through 2013; and

**WHEREAS,** H.R. 2786 enhances tribal capacity to address substandard housing and infrastructure conditions in Indian Country by encouraging greater self-management of housing programs and leveraging of scarce Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) dollars; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2000 , NAHASDA was amended to create Title VIII, to address the housing needs of Native Hawaiians and create the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG); and

**WHEREAS,** sadly, the reauthorization of NAHASDA in 2008 did not include the Native Hawaiian provisions; and

- WHEREAS,** NAIHC has consistently supported separate housing programs and separate funding for Native Hawaiians and, in particular, reauthorization of Title VIII of NAHASDA, which establishes the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG); and
- WHEREAS,** the Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act of 2009 (S. 72 and H.R. 709) was introduced in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress to reauthorize and amend Title VIII of NAHASDA and extend to Native Hawaiians Title VI loan guarantee authority; and
- WHEREAS,** NAIHC has always been in support of Native Hawaiians having special legislation to address their low-income housing needs so long as those programs are separate and apart from Indian and Alaska Native programs and funds; and
- WHEREAS,** for at least the past ten years a Native Hawaiian leadership has assured and promised that they had no intent or desire to utilize existing federal Indian and Alaska Native Housing and Community development programs and funds for their programs; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the National American Indian Housing Council urges the United States Congress to enact the Native Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act of 2009 so far as Sec. 4 of the bill, which proposes adding Native Hawaiians to Title VI of NAHASDA, is removed from Title VI and redrafted to appear under Title VIII exclusively for Native Hawaiian housing.

#### CERTIFICATION

As the duly appointed Secretary for the National American Indian Housing Council, I hereby certify that Resolution #2009-03, was adopted at NAIHC's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana on May 14, 2009, with a quorum present.



Marty Shuravloff, Chairman



Jason Adams, Secretary