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National Indian Housing Council Elects Chairman at Annual Convention
—Alaskan Marty Shuravloff Elected by Solid Majority
—Other Officers Named to Executive Committee

HONOLULU, HI—May 24, 2006—An award winning Executive Director of the Kodiak Island Housing Authority and enrolled Native Alaskan, Marty Shuravloff was elected as Chairman of the **National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC)** today by a strong majority at the group's annual business meeting in Honolulu.

In addition, the **NAIHC** Board also named the following officers:

Vice Chairman: Cheryl Parrish, Executive Director Bay Mills Housing Authority, Michigan

Secretary: Michael Cook, Administrator, Oneida Tribal Council, New York

Treasurer: Raymond Gonzalez, Jr., Executive Director, Washoe Housing Authority, Nevada

Shuravloff, a seven-year **NAIHC** Board member (representing Region IX) and past President of the Association of Alaska Housing Authorities, has pledged to support and advocate for increased funding for all Indian programs. He is an enrolled member of the Leisnoi Village of Alaska.

“I pledge to work toward improving funding for housing and infrastructure for tribes and Alaska Natives,” **said Shuravloff**. “Tribes have not always gotten a fair shake from Appropriators, as there is not a single ethnic group that has the level of overcrowded and substandard housing that Native Americans living on reservations face today. The federal government has not lived up to its trust responsibility to tribes. I pledge to try to change this.”

Serves on Governor's Homeless Trust Steering Committee

Shuravloff also has finance experience in addition to housing experience. He has served in his current job since 1999, but served on the Boards of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation since 2000 and the Koniag Inc. Regional Native Corporation since July 2005—the latter a second term, as he had served that role previously for 3 years ending November 2003. He is a member of Governor Murkowski's (Alaska) Homeless Trust Steering Committee.

Shuravloff's honors include 3 HUD Best Practice Awards: for the Rental Assistance Program for Students, the Family Investment Center and the Creating Jobs In Building Maintenance Programs; plus the “Outstanding Leadership Award in Economic Development by establishing Alaska's First HUD Apprenticeship & Training Program Certified by the Department of Labor.

A photograph of Chairman Shuravloff is available upon request. Please contact Kim Hayes, (202) 285-0981 or khayes@naihc.net.

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The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), headquartered in Washington, DC, is the only national organization dedicated to improving housing for Native Americans living on reservations. Visit: www.naihc.net.