



**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT REAUTHORIZATION OF TITLE VIII OF NAHASDA AS PART OF THE OVERALL  
REAUTHORIZATION OF NAHASDA PROGRAMS**

#2014 – 03

- WHEREAS, the National American Indian Housing Council represents the housing interests of American Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, and native Hawaiian Home Lands and more than 277 tribally designated housing entities providing housing services to approximately 466 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) authorizes housing programs for Indian tribal communities, Alaska Native villages and the native Hawaiian Home Lands communities; and
- WHEREAS, NAHASDA expands tribal capacity to address substandard housing and infrastructure in Indian country by encouraging greater self-management of housing programs and encourages increased leveraging of scarce Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) dollars; and
- WHEREAS, NAHASDA was amended in 2000 to create Title VIII to address the housing needs of native Hawaiians and created the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant (NHHBG); and
- WHEREAS, the President of the United States, on October 14, 2008, signed H.R. 2786 into law, an Act of Congress to amend and reauthorize NAHASDA through 2013, but this Act did not include the native Hawaiian provisions; and
- WHEREAS, NAIHC has consistently passed resolutions over the last ten years in support of the reauthorization of Title VIII of NAHASDA and has consistently expressed support for native Hawaiian housing programs; and
- WHEREAS, efforts on the part of native Hawaiians to pass a free-standing reauthorization bill for Title VIII of NAHASDA have been unsuccessful due largely to the efforts of opponents to Native Hawaiian sovereignty and self-determination, not for any concerns with the operation or success of Title VIII of NAHASDA; and

WHEREAS, native Hawaiian housing programs through NAHASDA receive funding in annual appropriations bills that is separate from the IHBG and other funding sources allocated for Indian country; and

WHEREAS, solidarity among Native communities is a source of strength and has long been a goal of NAIHC; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court consistently holds that a program whose authorization has expired, but which continues to receive federal appropriations such as Title VIII of NAHASDA and countless other HUD programs has been provided a one-year "de facto" reauthorization, meaning that a delay in the reauthorization of all of NAHASDA would not jeopardize the funding or programs of other recipients of the benefits and programs of NAHASDA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National American Indian Housing Council does hereby support the reauthorization of Title VIII of NAHASDA as part of the overall reauthorization of NAHASDA Programs; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the National American Indian Housing Council will advocate for the inclusion of reauthorization of Title VIII along with its efforts and in the same legislation as the reauthorization of the overall NAHASDA program that expired at the end of Fiscal Year 2013.

**CERTIFICATION**

**As the duly appointed Secretary for the National American Indian Housing Council, I hereby certify that Resolution #2014 – 03 was adopted on June 5, 2014 at NAIHC’s Annual Members Meeting in Kansas City, MO, with a quorum present and by a supermajority of the vote.**



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Sami Jo Difuntorum, Chairwoman



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Floyd Tortalita, Secretary