

**A Resolution in support of retaining Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) within the Office of Native American Programs**

RESOLUTION #2016 – 01

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 Northwest Indian Housing Association (NWIHA) represents thirty-eight Indian Housing Authorities, Tribally Designated Housing Entities, and Tribal Housing Programs and Departments in Idaho, Oregon and Washington, and Annette Island, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, The Mission of NWIHA is to promote safe, sanitary, decent and affordable housing for Tribal members in the Pacific Northwest, which it accomplishes by providing training and education opportunities; providing a forum for the discussion and resolution of issues; advocating for the collective benefit of all members; effectively linking members to information and financial resources; and working collaboratively with its industry partners; and

WHEREAS, HUD’s Department of Policy, Development and Research (PD&R) states that its mission is to inform policy development and implementation to improve life in American communities through conducting, supporting, and sharing research, surveys, demonstrations, program evaluations, and best practices; this mission does not support the intent of the training and technical assistance program; and

WHEREAS, President William Jefferson Clinton on November 6, 2000 issued Executive Order 13175 that stated in Section 5: “Consultation. (a) Each agency shall have an accountability process to ensure meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications. Within 30 days after the effective date of this order, the head of each agency shall designate an official with principal responsibility for the agency’s implementation of this order. Within 60 days of the effective date of this order, the designated official shall submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a description of the agency’s consultation process.”; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Executive Order 13175, HUD published its Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation policy on September 28, 2001 with the purpose to “enhance communication and coordination between HUD and federally recognized Indian tribes.” Additionally, Section IV of the policy states that “when proposed federal government policies, programs or actions are determined by HUD as having tribal implications, HUD will notify the affected tribes(s) and take affirmative steps to consult and collaborate directly with the tribe(s) or its (their) designee; and

WHEREAS, The proposed movement of the T&TA Program from ONAP to PD&R has significant implications, and has been proposed without government-to-government consultations, directly contradicting HUD’s own Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National American Indian Housing**

 **Council does hereby join the Northwest Indian Housing Association to strongly oppose any attempts to move the HUD Training and Technical Assistance Program or any associated funding from HUD ONAP to HUD’s Office of Policy, Development and Research (PD&R); and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National American Indian Housing Council does hereby respectfully request the National Congress of American Indians and all other regional Native American associations and organizations to join with NWIHA in supporting this Resolution.**

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

**As the duty appointed Secretary for the National American Indian Housing Council, I hereby certify that Resolution #2016-01 was adopted May 11, 2016 at NAIHC’s Annual Members Meeting in Honolulu, HI, with a quorum present and by a supermajority of the vote.**

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