

Resolution #2025-01

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RE-AUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT

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 265 tribally designated housing entities providing housing services to approximately 464 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 it passed the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) as amended; and

WHEREAS, compared to previous Federal housing programs serving Tribal Nations this essential program recognizes the self-determination of Tribes and delivers funding to Indian Country via block grant formula for essential housing programs and since its inception has allowed recipients to build, acquire, and rehabilitate more than 110,000 homes – tripling housing production on Tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, in recent years both the House and Senate have proposed bills for the re-authorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) and intend to reintroduce those bills in the current 2025 session; and

WHEREAS, a reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act passed by Congress would stand, without requiring reauthorization, for a minimum of 10 years; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that Congress passes this reauthorization and its recommended policy and programmatic improvements for streamlining, eliminating barriers, and creating a more efficient program administration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NAIHC urges Congress to approve and pass, and for the President to sign into law, the reauthorization of NAHASDA in calendar year 2025.

Co-sponsored by: Cheyenne River Housing Authority on behalf of UNAHA and Siletz Tribal Housing Department on behalf of NWIHA