

Resolution #2025-02

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED FUNDING FOR INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE HOUSING

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, since the enactment of NAHASDA, funding for these crucial programs subsequently remained relatively stagnant until 2024, and “flat funding” is really reduced funding each year due to the detrimental effects of inflation. Combined with a booming birthrate, this trend has only exacerbated poor housing conditions and a growing need; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 and again in 2025 Congress provided \$1.34 billion in funding for Indian and Alaska Native housing programs including for programs under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA); and

WHEREAS, in 2025, Congress established a \$1.11 billion baseline level of funding for the critical Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program that accounts in part for 25 years of inflation that was not accounted for in previous appropriations; and

WHEREAS, to address over a decade of stagnant funding prior to FY24 and FY25, the IHBG must be funded at no less than \$1.22 billion, adjusting for inflation to maintain the original purchasing power of the 1996 enactment level.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NAIHC urges Congress to appropriate no less than \$1.22 billion for the Indian Housing Block Grant program, and no less than \$1.45 billion overall for housing programs serving American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities for FY2026.

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