

Resolution #2025-04

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TRIBAL TRUST LAND HOMEOWNERSHIP 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WHEREAS; despite strong demand for homeownership among Native families, complex and outdated Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) land title processing systems continue to create excessive delays and administrative barriers that deter lenders, frustrate applicants, and ultimately prevent many Native individuals from achieving homeownership on Tribal trust lands; and

WHEREAS; the Tribal Trust Land Homeownership Act includes provisions that would streamline and modernize the federal review and approval process for residential leases, mortgages, and rights-of-way on Tribal trust lands, removing bureaucratic obstacles and enabling Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) to better meet their communities' housing needs; and

WHEREAS; NAIHC member Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities would benefit from these much-needed reforms of the management of trust land resources.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National American Indian Housing Council does hereby urge Congress to pass the Tribal Trust Land Homeownership Act.

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