

Resolution #2025-06

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL AND REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is the primary agency to deliver housing assistance for Tribes under multiple programs; and

WHEREAS, HUD has already made substantial staffing cuts and layoffs affecting all local and regional HUD offices; and

WHEREAS, any additional reduction of staffing levels in the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) will have substantial negative impacts on the efficiency and streamlining of Native American Housing Programs; and

WHEREAS, NAIHC supports having regional and local HUD offices to deliver services to Tribally designated housing entities administering Native housing programs, of which many are located in rural and remote parts of the country with limited resources to access federal assistance beyond the regional offices

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NAIHC urges HUD to maintain regional and local offices with sufficient staffing levels to implement Native housing programs with efficiency and continuity.

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