

## Resolution #2025-07

### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING VETERANS' AFFAIRS TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

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 tribal sovereignty and self-governance when it created the Veterans Affairs Tribal Advisory Committee (VA TAC); and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs (VA TAC) is a statutory committee established as required by Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 (P.L. 116-315) and 38 U.S.C. §547; and

WHEREAS, the Committee operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2; and

WHEREAS, the VA TAC in its advisory role serves to assist in making policy recommendations and improvements to program service delivery and assists the department in consultation and communication with Tribes on essential veterans services.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NAIHC urges the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs to continue the Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs as an essential component for effective and efficient design and delivery of essential services to Native veterans.**

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