

## Resolution #2025-08

### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONSULTATION ON OPENING FEDERAL LANDS FOR HOUSING 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 U.S. Departments of Interior and Housing & Urban Development have announced a collaboration to identify federal lands that can be opened up for affordable housing development; and

WHEREAS; Tribal governments must be consulted on the implementation of this program to assure that tribal lands are protected and that Tribes receive the same opportunities for housing development; and

WHEREAS; Tribal consultation is an implementation of the government-to-government relationship and the primary means for Federally-recognized Tribes to communicate on and influence decisions regarding the opening of federal lands for housing development.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NAIHC requests that the U.S. Department of Interior and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development engage Tribal leaders in meaningful consultation before opening any federal lands for housing development.**

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