

**NORTHWEST INDIAN HOUSING ASSOCIATION (NWIHA)
2010 Resolution #2010-01**

RE: SUPPORT FOR FUNDING NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, The Northwest Indian Housing Association (NWIHA) represents thirty-five Indian Housing Authorities and Tribally Designated Housing Entities in Idaho, Oregon and Washington, and Annette Island, Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, The Mission of NWIHA is to promote safe, sanitary, decent and affordable housing for Tribal members in the Pacific Northwest, which it accomplishes by providing training and education opportunities; providing a forum for the discussion and resolution of issues; advocating for the collective benefit of all members; effectively linking members to information and financial resources; and working collaboratively with its industry partners; and,

WHEREAS, Housing conditions and the availability of housing in Indian country fall far below those of the general US population; and,

WHEREAS, According to the 2000 US Census, nearly 12 percent of Native American households lack plumbing compared to 1.2 percent of the general US population ; and,

WHEREAS, Indian households are nearly three times more likely to be severely overcrowded; and,

WHEREAS, The President's 2011 budget request seeks \$580 million for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program, which provides the bulk of funding for Indian housing; and that level is 17% less than the level enacted for 2010; and,

WHEREAS, The President's 2011 budget request for the IHBG Program represents the lowest single-year funding amount since the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) became law in 1996; and,

WHEREAS, The Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program funds essential infrastructure for our communities, including sewer and running water; and,

WHEREAS, Rising costs and associated inflationary factors have hampered the development of infrastructure in Indian country; and,

WHEREAS, The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) provides its on-site Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Program which enables Tribes to effectively manage and carry out Indian housing activities by providing such on-site training and technical assistance; and,

WHEREAS, The President's 2011 budget request zeroed out funding for NAIHC T&TA Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Northwest Indian Housing Association strongly urges the Congress of the United States to:

- (1) Fund the IHBG Program at \$875 million;
- (2) Fund the ICDBG Program at \$100 million; and,
- (3) Fund the NAIHC T&TA Program at \$4.8 million.

In addition, the Northwest Indian Housing Association respectfully requests the National American Indian Housing Council, the National Congress of American Indians, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, and all other regional Native American associations and organizations join NAIHC in supporting this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing Resolution #2010-01 was duly enacted, pursuant to Article X of the Northwest Indian Housing Association, at a regular meeting of the Northwest Indian Housing Association, held on May 12, 2010, a quorum being present, with a vote of 26 FOR; 0 AGAINST, and 0 ABSTAIN.

BY: /s/ Elena L. Bassett
Elena L. Bassett, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

BY: /s/ Carina Kistler
Carina Kistler, Secretary