



**RESOLUTION 2023-01**

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE COMPILATION OF NAHASDA-ASSISTED UNITS DATA**

**WHEREAS,** the Northwest Indian Housing Association (NWIHA) represents forty-one Indian Housing Authorities, Tribally Designated Housing Entities, and Tribal Housing Programs and Departments 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,** the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) affirms and supports tribal self-determination in meeting the housing needs of low-income tribal members; and

**WHEREAS,** the original funding formula and the ongoing appropriations for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) did not and do not contemplate Operation and Maintenance costs for units developed with IHBG funding; and

**WHEREAS,** since the implementation of NAHASDA, tribes have developed, and are currently managing and maintaining, many rental and homeownership housing units developed with IHBG funding, and have assisted many families using Tenant-Based Rental Assistance programs using IHBG funding; and,

**WHEREAS,** due in significant part to the maximum rent requirements of NAHASDA, low-income housing developed with IHBG funding does not generate enough revenue to support operational and maintenance costs for such housing; and,

**WHEREAS,** there is an emergent need for a new and dedicated funding source, as a supplement to the IHBG appropriations, to support units developed with IHBG funds; and

**WHEREAS,** Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) and Tribal Housing Departments (THD) complete an Annual Performance Report detailing the number of units they own and manage that have been assisted with IHBG funds; and

**WHEREAS,** to understand the need for and support new and additional funding (as a supplement to the existing IHBG appropriations and not taken from such appropriations) it is necessary to collect and compile data on the number of IHBG-funded units owned or managed by TDHE's and THD's; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the membership of the NWIHA requests the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Native American Programs allocate Technical Assistance funds to collect and compile a report on the number of IHBG-funded units currently under management by TDHE's and THD's; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the Northwest Indian Housing Association respectfully requests that 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 with NWIHA in supporting this Resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that at the NWIHA meeting held on April 11, 2023, with a quorum present, the Executive Committee was authorized by the NWIHA membership to present this Resolution to the organizations listed above and other affiliated organizations as appropriate.

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Laurie Ann Cloud, Chairwoman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Diana Phair, Secretary