



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #TUL-05-077

TITLE: Supporting the Concept that a Tribe's Inherent Right to Self-Governance and Sovereignty be Respected by HUD and that HUD Use Its Best Efforts to Restore Funding Following Suspension of Funding

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WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) recognizes and affirms the inherent right of Indian self-determination and tribal self-governance in the provision of housing services to Indian people; and

WHEREAS, actions taken by HUD following sanctions, such as terminating funding, rather than suspending and later reinstating funding once corrective actions are taken, represent an unfair and inappropriate punishment for a tribe; and

WHEREAS, all administrative processes and appeals must be exhausted by HUD prior to termination of funding; and


WHEREAS, HUD should aggressively assist Tribes when such corrective actions are in good faith being taken, and work together with Tribes to get the housing programs back on track to restore housing delivery to the Tribal members they serve.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby demand that a Tribe's inherent right to self-governance and sovereignty recognized and affirmed under NAHASDA be respected by HUD and that HUD use its best efforts to restore funding following suspension of funding, and give recognition to a Tribe's corrective actions following sanctions so that housing services can be delivered to those in need do; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

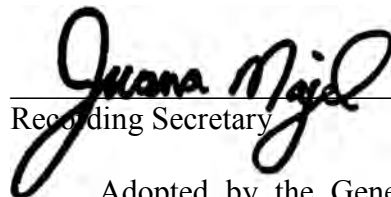
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2005 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the 62nd Annual Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma on November 4, 2005 with a quorum present.



President

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 2005 Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians held from October 30, 2005 to November 4, 2005 at the Convention Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.