



# NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

## The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #ABQ-03-108

**Title: Support for a Memorandum of Understanding Among Affiliated Federal Agencies for the Improved Service and Support of Indian Housing Programs**

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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**, tribes/TDHE'S must interact with several different federal agencies in order to provide comprehensive service to tribal members; and

**WHEREAS**, federal agencies such as Indian Health Service (IHS) and U.S. Department of Agriculture often provide monies to tribal housing entities for certain infrastructure and system development activities not covered under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA); and

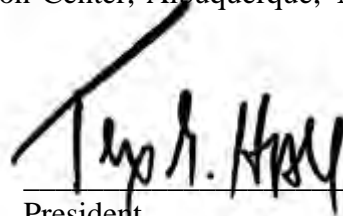
**WHEREAS**, these agencies often maintain conflicting reporting requirements which makes it difficult for tribes to access funding sources.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NCAI does request a consultation with tribes to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between affiliated federal agencies who are involved in the funding and servicing of Indian housing infrastructure and system development; and

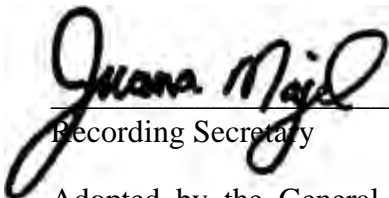
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Albuquerque Convention Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on November 21, 2003 with a quorum present.

  
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President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from November 17-21, 2003.