

**THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
AMERICAN INDIANS**

RESOLUTION #SPO-01-094

Title: A Resolution Requesting the United States Congress to Appropriate \$1.075 Billion for FY 2003 for the Indian Housing Block Grant Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-determination Act of 1996

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 stated purpose of the organization is to promote advocacy for policy and legislative changes that will favorably impact our primary goals of providing safe, decent and affordable housing for Indian people in a manner recognizing the unique government-to-government relationship of tribes and the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Indian tribes throughout the country have six times more substandard housing than other housing in the United States, 40% of Indian families are living in overcrowded homes with serious physical deficiencies compared to 6% for non-Indians, and about 16.5% of Native American household continue to be without complete plumbing; and

WHEREAS, Indian tribes have been severely under-funded for housing and infrastructure for many years including the past years under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996; and

WHEREAS, the National American Indian Housing Council has studied and projected an

Indian housing funding need for NAHASDA at about \$1.075 billion with no special HUD set-asides.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby request that the United States Congress appropriate at a minimum \$1.075 billion for FY 2003 for the Indian Housing Block Grant Program under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 58th Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Spokane Convention Center, in Spokane, Washington on November 25-30, 2001 with a quorum present.

Tex Hall, President

ATTEST:

Colleen Cawston, Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 58th Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Spokane Convention Center, in Spokane, Washington on November 25-30, 2001.