

**THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
AMERICAN INDIANS**

RESOLUTION #SPO-01-095

Title: Reauthorization of NAHASDA

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 for providing safe, decent and affordable housing for Indian people in a manner recognizing the unique government-to-government; and

WHEREAS, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) P.L. 104-330, was passed by the United States Congress to provide low income housing for Indian families and recognize the right of tribal self-determination; and

WHEREAS, NAHASDA authorization sunsets in FY2002; and

WHEREAS, while NCAI supports changes in NAHASDA and in the way it is administered, NCAI members fully support and embrace the principle concepts of NAHASDA, and rely upon NAHASDA for the provision of essential housing services for its members; and

WHEREAS, The NAHASDA Reauthorization Act of 2001 (H.R. 1873) has been introduced in the House of Representatives, (S.1210) in the Senate reauthorizing NAHASDA for five years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby urge Congress to

enact reauthorization of NAHASDA, and requests that NCAI, ATNI and other tribal organizations join in this resolution.

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.