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### RESOLUTION #MSH-01-063

#### **Title: Request US Congress with Full Consultation with Indian Tribes to Reauthorize the Native American Indian 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 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, largest, and most representative national American Indian and Alaska Native tribal government organization; and

**WHEREAS**, public housing programs modeled for urban America should not be forced on Indian country; and

**WHEREAS**, working with local communities to correct the relative need of private housing and private capital opportunities on Indian country should be a priority of housing legislation for Indian country; and

**WHEREAS**, tribes should have the ability and responsibility to strategically plan their own communities and development with long term results without excessive regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the NAHASDA program has been successful in providing better housing for American Indians and Alaska Natives; and

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WHEREAS, NAHASDA promotes the government-to-government relationship and self-determination by allowing tribes to use creativity to provide housing for our people, and has allowed Indian tribes to accomplish these goals by use of private sector entities, rather than simply spending more federal money.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby support and request the US Congress—with full consultation with Indian tribe—to reauthorize the Native American Indian Housing and Self-Determination Act for a minimum of five (5) years.

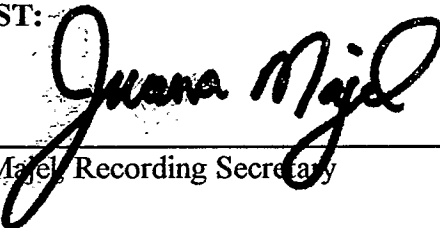
**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2001 Mid-Year Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut on May 13-16, 2001, with a quorum present.



Susan Masten, President

ATTEST:



Juana Majek, Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 2001 Mid-Year Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held in Mashantucket, Connecticut on May 13-16, 2001.