TITLE: Support of Retaining the Training and Technical Assistance Program 
within the Office of Native American Programs

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, Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Department of Policy, 
Development and Research (PD&R) states that its mission is to inform policy 
development and implementation to improve life in American communities through 
conducting, supporting, and sharing research, surveys, demonstrations, program 
evaluations, and best practices; this mission does not support the intent of the training 
and technical assistance program; and

WHEREAS, President William Jefferson Clinton on November 6, 2000 
issued Executive Order 13175 reinforced by Presidential Memorandum on Tribal 
Consultation by President Barack Obama (November 5, 2009) that stated in Section 5:

“Consultation. (a) Each agency shall have an accountability process to ensure 
meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies 
that have tribal implications. Within 30 days after the effective date of this order, the 
head of each agency shall designate an official with principal responsibility for the 
agency’s implementation of this order. Within 60 days of the effective date of this 
order, the designated official shall submit to the Office of Management and Budget 
(OMB) a description of the agency’s consultation process;” and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Executive Order 13175, HUD published its 
Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation policy on September 28, 2001 with 
the purpose to “enhance communication and coordination between HUD and federally 
recognized Indian tribes,” and additionally, Section IV of the policy states that “when 
proposed federal government policies, programs or actions are determined by HUD as 
having tribal implications, HUD will notify the affected tribes(s) and take affirmative 
steps to consult and collaborate directly with the tribe(s) or its (their) designee:” and
WHEREAS, the proposed movement of the Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Program from Office of Native American Programs to PD&R has significant implications, and has been proposed without government-to-government consultations, directly contradicting HUD’s own Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation policy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Congress of American Indians does hereby strongly oppose any attempts to move the HUD T&TA Program or any associated funding from HUD Office of Native American Programs to HUD’s Office of Policy, Development and Research without proper tribal consultation by HUD in accordance to Executive Order 13175; and

BE IT FINALLY 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 by the General Assembly at the 2016 Midyear Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Spokane Convention Center, June 27 to June 30, 2016, with a quorum present.

Brian Cladoosby, President

ATTEST:

Aaron Payment, Recording Secretary