



A RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL AND DRUG RISKS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

RESOLUTION #2018 – 02

WHEREAS, The National American Indian Housing Council represents the housing interests of American Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, and Native Hawaiian Home Lands and more than 267 tribally designated housing entities providing housing services to approximately 498 tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians; 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 culturally relevant and quality, affordable housing for Native people in a manner recognizing the unique government-to-government relationship of tribes and the federal government; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, tribes and TDHEs have been faced with the financial burden of managing environmental concerns including but not limited to illicit drug use and manufacturing, asbestos, lead, mold, hazardous materials and illegal dumping; and

WHEREAS, Drug use, including methamphetamines, opioids and heroin, has invaded our Indian housing units, communities and reservations and has impacted both our

physical housing structures and the families and children living in them; and

WHEREAS, Our housing programs are becoming so financially burdened by the need to provide for the identification, assessment, remediation and prevention of environmental and drug risks in our housing units; and

WHEREAS, These costs are so extensive that they have hindered our ability to construct new homes, rehabilitate existing units and provide other essential housing and related services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National American Indian Housing Council does hereby call upon the United States government and Congress to:

- (1) Provide a separate source of funding, not to be offset by existing Indian housing funding, at a minimum of \$200 million per year, to tribes and TDHEs to address the cost of identification, assessment, remediation, and prevention of environmental and drug risks in our housing units and communities;**
- (2) Create a National Environmental and Drug Task Force in Indian Country comprised of TDHEs and other relevant stakeholders and federal agencies;**
- (3) Convene a National Environmental and Drug Summit for Indian Country in FY 2019; and**
- (4) Include methamphetamine awareness and prevention efforts along with the federal government's response to opioid crisis in Rural America.**

CERTIFICATION

As the duly appointed Secretary for the National American Indian Housing Council, I hereby certify that Resolution #2016-01 was adopted on May 31, 2018 at NAIHC's Annual Members Meeting in San Diego, CA, with a quorum present and by a supermajority of the vote.



Gary Cooper, Chairman



Ray DePerry, Secretary