UNITED NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION #2023-02

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT TRIBES AND TDHES BE RE-INSTATED IN THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (Section 8) PROGRAM

- WHEREAS, the United Native American Housing Association (UNAHA) is comprised of individual member Indian Housing Authorities, Tribally Designated Housing Entities, and Tribes from the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana and Utah, and
- WHEREAS, the HUD Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)/Section 8 program now comprises the vast majority of housing assistance funds provided in the United States:
- WHEREAS, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) discontinued Tribes and TDHEs eligibility for and access to the HCV/Section 8 program in exchange for the hollow promise of a block grant with flat-lined appropriations that have never been significantly increased and, in fact, has lost most of its monetary value to inflation over the twenty-five-year history of NAHASDA;
- WHEREAS, HUD currently has a surplus of funding related to under-utilized HCV/Section 8 vouchers as the nationwide inventory of private affordable housing (where vouchers are commonly utilized) continues to shrink.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UNAHA recommends, urges, and requests to Congress that Tribes and TDHEs be reinstated as eligible administrators and participants in the Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8 program for housing assistance.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted during a duly called, noticed and convened Annual Meeting assembled for business in Lakewood, Colorado on the 4th day of April, 2023, with 29 members present to constitute a quorum and by a vote of ALL members voting FOR, NO members Opposed, and NONE not voting.

Sharon Vogel Chairman Ive Zimmerman

Secretary