## UNITED NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION #2024-05

## A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING VETERANS' HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

WHEREAS, the United Native American Housing Association (UNAHA) is comprised of thirty-four 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, UNAHA has successfully proposed and supported legislation and administrative policy initiatives supporting, improving, and strengthening housing opportunities for Native veterans in the UNAHA region and throughout Indian Country.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UNAHA will take the following actions in its ongoing support of housing opportunities for Native veterans in UNAHA's region and throughout Indian Country:

- Request that all Congressional reps co-sponsor and support H.R. 8371, the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act, which includes the language from S. 185 on VA Native American Direct Loan reform as well as the companion bill in the Senate when its introduced; and
- 2. UNAHA will send a letter to the VA Secretary requesting that he extends the 2.5% NADL interest rate pilot for another two years to allow time to reach more qualified Native American veterans seeking homeownership; and
- 3. UNAHA officers will continue to negotiate with HUD ONAP to pilot a Northern Plains regional Tribal HUD VASH program.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted during a duly called, noticed and convened Quarterly Meeting assembled for business in Polson, Montana on the 12th day of August, 2024, with 19 members present to constitute a quorum and by a vote of **19** members voting FOR, **0** members Opposed, and **0** not voting.

Sharon Vogel
Chairman

Joanie Rowland Secretary