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Tribal Resolution 2010-43

Requesting Federal Funding of Indian Housing Programs

- WHEREAS,** Sitka Tribe of Alaska is the federally recognized tribal government for more than 4,020 enrolled tribal citizens in Sitka, Alaska organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 as amended; and
- WHEREAS,** Sitka Tribe of Alaska is responsible for the health, safety, welfare and cultural preservation of its tribal citizens and their use of the Sitka Tribe traditional territory; and
- WHEREAS,** Sitka Tribe of Alaska's traditional territory reflects the lands and waters historically and presently the stewardship responsibility of the Sheet'ka Kwaan and as such are composed of the western side of Baranof Island, the greater reaches of Peril Strait, southwestern portions of Chichagof Island and the myriad of islands as well as the waters between these locations; and
- WHEREAS,** Sitka Tribe of Alaska recognizes Baranof Island Housing Authority provides economic and social benefits to the community by providing decent, safe and sanitary affordable housing; and
- WHEREAS,** Sitka Tribe of Alaska recognizes the extraordinary housing market conditions within it's traditional territory as being inaccessible to most tribal citizens due to extremely high cost to rent or purchase a dwelling; and
- WHEREAS,** Sitka Tribe of Alaska receives Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funding to address Tribal housing needs; and
- WHEREAS,** Sitka Tribe of Alaska considers Federal support for housing for American Indian and Alaska Native's to be an essential program unique to the trust relationship between the Federal Government and Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the National American Indian Housing Council proposed funding the IHBG program at \$875 million based upon American Indian and Alaska Native housing needs; and
- WHEREAS,** President Barrack Obama, at a Tribal Nations Conference with Tribal Leaders on November 5, 2009 reiterated the importance of working together as partners to address the many ongoing challenges facing Indian Country.

President Obama committed to greater tribal participation in the policy decisions that impact Tribes. President Obama in his presidential memorandum issued on November 5, 2009, recognized that "failure to include voices of tribal officials in formulating policy affecting their communities has all too often led to undesirable and, at times, devastating and tragic results"; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2011 President's proposed budget would result in a 17% reduction in IHBG funding from FY 2010 and is 34% less than the National American Indian Housing Council's proposed FY 2011 IHBG funding; and

WHEREAS, the cuts to the IHBG funding program, if approved, would have devastating and tragic results in Tribal communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council of Sitka Tribe of Alaska supports Indian Housing Block Grant program funding at no less than the FY 2010 enacted funding of \$700 million and further supports the National American Indian Housing Council's proposed funding budget of \$875 million.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a duly called and convened meeting of the Tribal Council of the Sitka Tribe of Alaska held on the 17th day of February, 2010, at which a quorum was present by a vote of 8 IN FAVOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAIN, 1 ABSENT.



Sitka Tribe of Alaska - Tribal Chairman

Attest:



Sitka Tribe of Alaska - Tribal Secretary