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Resolution 01-2006

Resolution in Support of the SBA Native 8(a) Program

Whereas: the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement is a not-for-profit organization focused on community development in Native Hawaiian communities, with more than 140 members working in the areas of healthcare, affordable housing, education, economic development, culture and the environment;

Whereas: the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement is engaged with multiple American Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations and Native Hawaiian not-for-profits to advance the social and economic well-being of Native communities in the United States;

Whereas: the federal government has a unique legal and political relationship with American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians (collectively referred to as Native Americans for the purpose of this resolution), as indigenous peoples;

Whereas: the Congress has an interest and responsibility to advance the economic and political self-determination and self-sufficiency of Native Americans;

Whereas: the Congress established the Native 8(a) program within the Small Business Administration for federally recognized tribes, federally recognized Alaska Native corporations and Native Hawaiian not-for-profit organizations to provide access to federal contracting opportunities to stimulate economic growth and opportunities that promote entire communities of Native Americans;

Whereas: unlike privately-owned businesses, these Native community-owned enterprises are mandated to serve the social and economic development needs of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities;

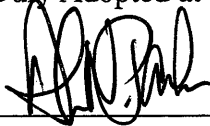
Whereas: the Native 8(a) program is one of the most successful federal initiatives to engage Native community-owned enterprises to participate in federal contracting, providing valuable services and building business capacity;

Whereas: Native community-owned enterprises have in only recent years begun to be successful participants in the Native 8(a) program, and Native communities are just beginning to experience the benefits of participating in federal contracting;

Whereas: the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement recognizes the potential benefit and value of the Native 8(a) program in advancing the well-being of Native Hawaiian communities, including job creation and business capacity-building, as well as creating positive educational, social and economic impacts;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved: that the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement supports the continuation of the Native 8(a) program within the federal Small Business Administration and the federal policy of self-determination;

Duly Adopted at a CNHA Board Meeting On: 1/19/06



CNHA Officer

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Date