



Preserving America's Heritage

RESOLUTION ON FULL FUNDING FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

Whereas, the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) established by the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) funds a broad range of activities carried out by State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs) and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs), including maintaining qualified staff to meet Section 106, Tax Act, preservation planning, and other key duties as part of the national historic preservation program; and

Whereas, although the HPF is authorized at \$150 million annually, funding has never reached this level and considerably lower annual appropriations continue to have extremely negative impacts on the ability of SHPOs and especially THPOs to maintain effective organizations and carry out their responsibilities under NHPA; and

Whereas, the ACHP, federal agencies, and stakeholders have a critical interest in ensuring that SHPOs and THPOs are funded at levels sufficient to ensure their effective participation in Section 106 consultation as well as in other national priorities such as energy development and infrastructure permitting, disaster planning and resilience, climate change adaptation, military readiness and national security needs, and public lands management; and

Whereas, SHPOs and THPOs also need predictable funding to continue to identify properties worthy of preservation and manage such information with modern digital technology;

Now, therefore, the ACHP strongly encourages the Administration to seek full and permanent funding of the HPF at its authorized level in the President's budget for FY 2016 and beyond.

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