

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND PROMOTING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2007, COG's 50th Anniversary, the COG Board of Directors adopted Resolution R31-07 that created COG's Climate Change Initiative and established a Climate Change Steering Committee (CCSC); and

WHEREAS, the Board charged the CCSC with cataloguing greenhouse gas emission reduction best practices of COG's members, preparing a regional greenhouse gas emission inventory, recommending regional greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, evaluating regional impacts of climate change, recommending advocacy positions on local, state and federal climate change proposals, and recommending a long-term structure for the regional climate change initiative; and

WHEREAS, the CCSC presented its draft report to the Board in July, 2008 and the Board circulated the report for review and comment by COG members and stakeholders, and the draft report was presented to nearly all COG member local elected official governing bodies and COG policy committees; and

WHEREAS, the CCSC received and assessed more than 200 comments on the draft report and has prepared an enhanced final report for consideration and action by the COG Board of Directors that contains more than 40 recommendations for action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT IT:

1. Adopts the *National Capital Region Climate Change Report* and its recommendations as COG's regional climate change policy, specifically including adoption of the recommended regional greenhouse gas emission reductions goals for 2012, 2020, and 2050.
2. Commends the Climate Change Steering Committee for its outstanding leadership and groundbreaking report on this critical regional and national issue.
3. Authorizes the Chair of the COG Board of Directors to transmit the report to:
 - COG's member local governments, strongly encouraging their endorsement and implementation of the report recommendations.
 - The Governors of Maryland and Virginia, Mayor of the District of Columbia, as well as state legislative delegations in Maryland and Virginia.
 - The President of the United States and members of the regional congressional delegation,
 - COG's policy committees including the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board and Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee;
 - COG's stakeholders including utilities, business, environmental, civic and other interested associations and organizations.
4. Directs the Executive Director or his designee to recommend a committee structure to coordinate and facilitate implementation of the recommendations by March, 2009.
 - Until such time as successor committee structure is approved by the Board, the CCSC shall remain in place. Its charge will be to prepare a work program and

budget to guide implementation of the report recommendations, develop advocacy positions for consideration by the COG Board, and initiate development of the regional plan for achieving the 2012 regional emission reduction goal in coordination with other COG policy committees and stakeholders.

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