

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING HSPSPC RESPONSE TO BOARD RESOLUTION R16-2013**

**WHEREAS**, as elected officials, and individuals, we are troubled when violence occurs in our communities, creating heartache, fear and serious consequence for our quality of life, for society and for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, by R16-2013, the Board of Directors directed that COG Committees look into issues which are related to firearms violence, including but not limited to, mental health, school safety, and gun safety, and report back to the Board on their findings and any suggested actions within six (6) months; and

**WHEREAS**, the Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee has presented a report to the Board, dated September 20, 2013, with findings and recommendations;

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

1. The Board of Directors accepts the report of the Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee, and thanks the Committee for its work; and
2. The Board adopts the four recommendations of the Committee:
  - 1) Increased Public Education and Awareness,
  - 2) Expanded Regional Training Programs,
  - 3) Increased Data Collection/Information Sharing, and
  - 4) Advocacy – Funding for increased Congressional funding for the National Violent Deaths Reporting System to enable the District of Columbia to participate; and
3. The Board encourages Directors and Member Jurisdictions to individually and collectively share their opinions regarding addressing violence with state and federal legislators.

***I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on October 9, 2013.***

***Monica Beyrouiti  
Clerk to the Board of Directors***