

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND
FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
(NOAA) FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED EDUCATION & TRAINING (B-WET)
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL
REGION**

Whereas, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) supports the expeditious attainment of the Chesapeake Bay Program's water quality goals in the Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River; and

Whereas, COG has consistently advocated reliance on the cooperative approach to achieving those goals, an approach that was demonstrably effective prior to the signing of the Chesapeake 2000 (C2K) agreement in June 2000 and forms the heart of the water quality section of C2K; and

Whereas, the C2K agreement contains a voluntary commitment to provide a meaningful Bay or stream outdoor experience for every school student in the watershed before graduation from high school; and

Whereas, COG recognizes that an important premise of watershed stewardship and voluntary action is educating residents about the individual role they play in the watershed and communicating specific messages about positive and negative behaviors; and

Whereas, COG believes that providing students and teachers in the Metropolitan Washington region with a meaningful watershed educational experience will connect students and teachers to local watersheds and move them to take action toward their protection and restoration.

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

The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to apply for, receive, and expend up to \$200,000 in grant funding from NOAA for the purpose of an environmental education project for students in the National Capital Region. No COG local matching funds are required.