## METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 777 North Capitol Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002-4239

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM NASA ON BEHALF OF THE CLEAN AIR PARTNERS CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, Clean Air Partners, an education and outreach program administered through the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, seeks to improve the health and quality of life of residents in the Baltimore-Washington region by educating students about air pollution and climate change causes; and

WHEREAS, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is requesting requests proposals in its FY 2010 Cooperative Agreements Notice for Global Climate Change Education to improve the quality of science, mathematics teaching and to enhance students and teachers' literacy about global climate change by integrating NASA's scientific findings in proposed projects; and

WHEREAS, since 2007 Clean Air Partners' Education Program Manager has introduced the curriculum to teachers, students, and organizations in the metropolitan Washington and Baltimore region and has in its 2010 curriculum for sixth-eighth graders, "On the Air: Exploring Pollution Sources and Solution," that includes a unit on climate change, and since

## 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 receive and expend up to \$400,000 from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), through Clean Air Partners, to administer a Climate Change Education Initiative which will improve teaching of climate science in schools, expand its existing air quality and climate change curriculum, and inspire students to pursue educational and employment opportunities in the "green" industry. No COG matching funds are required.

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