

**ADOPTED Resolution R31-06
June 14, 2006**

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

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A GRANT TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR TUITION-FREE
COLLEGE LEVEL EDUCATION FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has continuing interest in supporting child care in the region; and

WHEREAS, COG has worked to improve the quality of child care in the Washington metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, COG founded the Higher Education Scholarship Program in 1995 to provide opportunities for tuition-free college level education and training for child care providers who wish to obtain an advanced degree in early childhood education; and

WHEREAS, COG seeks to expand the number of HESP scholarship funds available; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor accepts grant applications to support early childhood educator professional development.

**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 submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Labor to support the Higher Education Scholarship Program that will provide opportunities for college level degrees to early childhood educators. Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$325,000 over two years will be requested from the U.S. Department of Labor. No COG matching funds will be required.