

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND
FUNDING TO SUPPORT A REGIONAL FOSTER CARE APPRECIATION EVENT AT
NATIONALS PARK**

WHEREAS, the need for loving foster parents continues to grow in the metropolitan Washington region; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is committed to continuing its tradition of honoring invaluable foster parents and recruit additional resource parents for the region's waiting children; and

WHEREAS, as local governments continue to face extremely difficult fiscal constraints, we must be both pragmatic and strategic in our approach to maximize the number of resource homes with the scarce resources that are available; and

WHEREAS, the region's child welfare committees have recommended that COG partner with the Freddie Mac Foundation to develop a media campaign to both honor existing foster parents and assist in recruiting additional foster parents; and

WHEREAS, COG's Child Welfare and Foster Care Programs staff will plan and host an appreciation baseball game event for the region's foster care parents and families at Nationals Stadium on April 30; and

WHEREAS, funding to support the regional media campaign will be provide to COG by the Freddie Mac Foundation.

**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 an amount not to exceed \$60,000 in funds from the Freddie Mac Foundation for an appreciation event at Nationals Stadium to honor the region's foster parents and children. The Executive Director is further authorized to seek consulting services with VideoArt Productions to produce a 30 second public service announcement about foster parenting. No COG matching funds are required.

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Nicole Hange, Board Clerk