

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REGARDING CLIMATE MITIGATION AND RESILIENCE GOALS

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change updated its guidance to recognize that the world is already experiencing the impacts of global warming and to avoid most severe climate impacts greenhouse gas emissions must fall by at least 45 percent from 2010 levels by 2030 and to carbon neutrality by 2050; and

WHEREAS, an overarching Region Forward sustainability goal is to seek a significant decrease in greenhouse gas emissions, with substantial reductions from the built environment and transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors in Resolution R60-08 adopted the National Capital Region Climate Change Report and its recommendations in 2008, including goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 10% below business as usual by 2012, 20% below the region's 2005 baseline by 2020, and 80% below the 2005 baseline by 2050;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors in Resolution R18-09 established the Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) in 2009 to collaboratively work toward the report's goals; and

WHEREAS, COG and its members were recognized by the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM) in 2019 as a U.S. Metro-Scale Climate Leader and CEEPC became a GCoM Signatory committing to follow global best practices in climate planning; and

WHEREAS, CEEPC has reviewed the updated IPCC guidance and GCoM protocols and recommends COG establish an interim 2030 climate mitigation goal of 50 percent greenhouse gas reduction below 2005 and climate resilience goals of becoming a Climate Ready Region by 2030 and fully Resilient Region by 2050; and

WHEREAS, CEEPC recognizes that strong actions are needed to avoid the most severe climate impacts and is developing a 2030 Climate and Energy Action Plan to include recommended actions to meet the region's climate mitigation and resiliency goals; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors in Resolution R26-2020 affirmed that equity will be woven into COG's programs and priorities.

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

- 1) The Board endorses an interim climate mitigation goal of 50 percent greenhouse gas emission reductions below 2005 levels by 2030; and
- 2) The Board endorses climate resilience goals of becoming a Climate Ready Region and making significant progress to be a Climate Resilient Region by 2030; and
- 3) The Board reinforces the need to incorporate equity principles into CEEPC and COG members' actions to reach the climate mitigation and resiliency goals; and

- 4) The Board directs CEEPC to report back a mid-point evaluation of the progress towards the climate mitigation and resiliency goals and make recommendations for any new actions needed.

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