

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION COMMENDING MAXINE B. BAKER

WHEREAS, Maxine B. Baker, former President and Chief Executive Officer of the Freddie Mac Foundation has served with great dedication and compassion as a champion of children in the Washington, D.C. region and throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baker has served the Freddie Mac Foundation and Corporation in a variety of important capacities for the past 25 years; and

WHEREAS, prior to leading the Freddie Mac's philanthropic program, Ms. Baker served in various leadership capacities since joining the corporation in 1982, including vice president of Administration & Corporate Properties, vice president of Human Resources, and vice president of Industry and Trade Relations, in which she expanded minority business development programs, minority recruitment and had responsibility for the corporate-wide relocation into the current headquarters campus; and

WHEREAS, in her position as president and CEO of the Foundation and vice president of Community Relations for Freddie Mac, Ms. Baker has played a major role in growing and shaping the company's philanthropic program, making it an effective, respected and the largest community investor in the metropolitan Washington region; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Baker's leadership the Freddie Mac Foundation has been dedicated to strengthening communities and brightening the future for children, youth and their families by investing in nonprofits that help children and their families thrive; and

WHEREAS, over the past 15 years, Ms. Baker has led the Freddie Mac Foundation to invest more than \$200 million, bettering the lives of more than 1.7 million children; and

WHEREAS, since 1991, the Freddie Mac Foundation's work has helped prevent child abuse and neglect; find permanent, loving homes for foster children; transform an inner-city school into a full-service community school; and has aided children and their families in becoming independent by investing in programs that leverage both support services and housing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baker also provides continuous leadership the Washington metropolitan region on a number of non-profit boards including Chair of the Washington Regional Area Grantmakers; Leadership Greater Washington; the Community Foundation for the National Capitol Region's Survivors' Fund Governance Board; National Council of Negro Women, executive committee; and the Washington Redskins Leadership Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baker's vision and leadership helped to expand the Wednesday's Child program, a weekly televised adoption program that features foster children waiting to be adopted across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Freddie Mac Foundation, along with COG and NBC4, has supported the Wednesday's Child - D.C. program for the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baker has been a diligent and dedicated supporter of COG and local governments throughout the region with resource support in excess of \$2million; and

WHEREAS, through her tireless commitment and caring, Ms. Baker has left a lasting legacy of stronger communities and happier and healthier children and families; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baker recently announced her retirement as President and CEO of the Freddie Mac Foundation.

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

The Board conveys its deep appreciation and affection to Maxine B. Baker for her many contributions to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments during her tenure as President and CEO of the Freddie Mac Foundation and wishes her all the best in her future endeavors.
