

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL
777 North Capitol Street NE
Washington, DC 20002**

Resolution Adopting the National Capital Region Homeland Security Strategic Plan

WHEREAS, following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) established the Homeland Security Task Force in October 2001 to oversee the development of the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP) and additional regional measures to strengthen emergency preparedness and response in the National Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, following adoption of the RECP in September 2002, the Task Force was expanded to include additional state and federal government stakeholders, as well as representatives of the business, non-profit and civic sectors and renamed the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council (EPC); and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Office of National Capital Region Coordination (ONCRC), and with the support of the COG Board of Directors, in 2003 the EPC agreed to serve as the Urban Area Working Group responsible for policy oversight for the new federal Urban Area Security Initiative grant program; and

WHEREAS, public and private stakeholders convened in 2005 to prepare and adopt a strategic plan to improve all hazards preparedness across the region and help guide program and funding priorities; and

WHEREAS, dozens of public and private stakeholders met throughout 2005 and early 2006 to develop the strategic plan vision and mission statements, goals, objectives and initiatives, providing extensive opportunities for outreach and input; and

WHEREAS, in February 2006 the EPC agreed to serve as the custodian of the strategic plan and provide ongoing policy oversight and further agreed to make the review and completion of the strategic plan one of its top priorities for 2006; and

WHEREAS, the EPC further agreed in July 2006 to adopt in concept the National Capital Region Homeland Security Strategic Plan, directed staff to make additional modifications to the Strategic Plan overview and prepare a public-focused Strategic Plan brochure, and to present these documents and the core plan (Volume I) and appendices (Volume II) for final EPC action at its September 2006 meeting.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL THAT:**

1. The EPC adopts the National Capital Region Homeland Security Strategic Plan, which is appended to and made a part of this resolution.
2. Copies of the Strategic Plan shall be provided to local, state and federal government stakeholders and other public and private sector partners, and made available to the public on COG and other appropriate web sites.
3. The EPC shall receive a quarterly report concerning progress in implementing the Strategic Plan and it shall be evaluated for update no later than 2010.