

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION APPROVING ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

WHEREAS, following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, COG established the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council (EPC) to improve emergency planning and response in the National Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, the EPC is a public/private advisory body that oversees and implements the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP); coordinates activities of the various Regional Emergency Support Functions (RESF) and makes various emergency preparedness policy recommendations to the COG Board; and

WHEREAS, in September 2006, the EPC adopted the National Capital Region Homeland Security Strategic Plan to serve as a framework for the expenditure of approximately \$60 million a year in federal investments through the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant program in addition to other local, state and federal resources; and

WHEREAS, as a result, significant investments have been made in the National Capital Region to improve our preparedness and response capabilities; and

WHEREAS, during its September 2010 meeting, the EPC unanimously approved updates to the strategic plan to better reflect the current critical homeland security and emergency management needs.

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

1. The Board joins the unanimous action by the EPC to approve the 2010 revisions of the National Capital Region Homeland Security Strategic Plan.
2. The Board of thanks the following groups for their exceptional work in completing the Strategic Plan update to ensure a higher level of regional readiness: the Emergency Preparedness Council, Chief Administrative Officers, Senior Policy Group, Regional Emergency Support Functions, Regional Program Working Groups, members of the private sector, and the University of Maryland.