

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO
A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE EPA WATERSENSE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) supports the protection and restoration of local waters, the Potomac River, and the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, COG has implemented a successful regional Water, Use it Wisely outreach campaign to educate and encourage citizens in the National Capital Region to use their drinking water wisely; and

WHEREAS, COG recognizes that an important motivator for watershed stewardship is public knowledge that the Potomac is the source of our drinking water, and tap water is safe to drink; and

WHEREAS, promoting the water produced by our region's water utilities is not only beneficial to the local economy but to the environment because of reduced greenhouse gases to produce and transport tap water, relative to bottled water; and

WHEREAS, it is consistent with existing COG policies and programs to join a partnership program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that seeks to protect the future of our region's water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products and services; and

WHEREAS, this program is free, there is no cost to COG;

**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 enter into a Partnership Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Watersense Program to educate and encourage citizens in the National Capital Region to use their drinking water wisely by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products and services.

The foregoing resolution was unanimously approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on July 11, 2012.

*Barbara J. Chapman
Executive Board Secretary*