**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**
**777 North Capitol Street, N.E.**
**Washington, D.C. 20002-4239**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS FROM THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO SUPPORT THE EXECUTIVE WATERSHED MANAGER FOR THE ANACOSTIA**

**WHEREAS,** the restoration of the Anacostia River watershed is a regional priority in the Washington Metropolitan area, and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has a continuing interest in its restoration, management and protection; and

**WHEREAS,** COG adopted Resolution R28-06 establishing an Anacostia Watershed Partnership (Partnership) with responsibility for adoption and oversight of the regional programs, policies and projects to effect watershed-wide restoration; and

**WHEREAS**, COG has provided coordination, management, and technical support for the Anacostia restoration effort since 1987; and

**WHEREAS,** the additional technical, administrative and advocacy support to the Partnership will require additional support services from staff and a specialized Anacostia Executive Watershed Manager; and

**WHEREAS,** the Maryland Department of the Environment has provided substantial grants in the past to promote the restoration of the Anacostia watershed and is prepared to provide grant support to assist the Council in its support to the Executive Watershed Manager.

**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 submit a proposal and execute a contract in the amount up to $50,000 from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for a one year grant to support the Executive Watershed Manager for the Anacostia. Additional support for this position will be provided through the Anacostia Restoration Watershed Partnership.

*I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on March 11, 2015.*

*Monica Beyrouti*
*Clerk to the Board of Directors*