METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND THE WILLIAM G. MCGOWAN CHARITABLE FUND

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) supports the expeditious attainment of the Chesapeake Bay Program's water quality goals in the Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, the Chesapeake 2000 agreement contains a voluntary commitment to provide a meaningful Bay or stream outdoor experience for every school student in the watershed before graduation from high school; and

WHEREAS, COG recognizes that an important premise of watershed stewardship and voluntary action is educating residents about the individual role they play in the watershed and communicating specific messages about positive and negative behaviors; and

WHEREAS, COG believes that providing students in the Metropolitan Washington region with a meaningful watershed educational experience will connect students to local watersheds and move them to take action toward their protection and restoration; and

WHEREAS, COG in 2006-2007 conducted a successful pilot "Student Action Committee" environmental education program for high school students in the region that received local and national recognition.

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 apply for, receive, and expend up to $50,000 in grant funding from The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region and The William G. McGowan Charitable Fund for the purpose of an environmental education project. The project, entitled Student Action Committee for Potomac River Protection, will target students in the District of Columbia. COG will be committing $1,185 in-kind towards this project from funds already identified in the environmental programs budget.