

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
777 N. CAPITOL STREET, N.E.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REPORT *HOMELESSNESS IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON: RESULTS AND ANALYSIS FROM THE 2015 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT OF HOMELESS PERSONS IN THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGION***

**WHEREAS**, since 2000, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has convened local homeless services providers through the Homeless Services Planning and Coordinating Committee (Committee); and

**WHEREAS**, since 2001, the Committee has coordinated an annual enumeration of the region's homeless population during the last week of January; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee is committed to gathering, analyzing and sharing data regarding homelessness regionally on an annual basis to solve this crisis, although conducting a Point-in-Time count is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development only on a biennial basis; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2015, the Executives from the District of Columbia, Prince George's County and Montgomery County, Maryland, convened a Regional Summit on Homelessness and signed a Charter to "... *establish a Regional Coordinating Council on Homelessness with executive level membership from each of our three jurisdictions and charge this body with the development and implementation of an actionable plan to work towards permanently ending homelessness in the Washington metropolitan region...*"

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT:**

1. The Board approves the report, "*Homeless in Metropolitan Washington: Results and Analysis from the 2015 Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Persons in the Metropolitan Washington Region*".
2. The Board thanks the Committee for its work to conduct a homeless enumeration on an annual basis in order to better inform policy and practice in our region.
3. The Board commends the efforts of the new Regional Coordinating Council on Homelessness and encourages COG to extend its unique regional expertise to assist and enhance this inter-jurisdictional coordination effort.
4. The Board further encourages the members of the Regional Coordinating Council on Homelessness, once operationalized, to consider the feasibility of expanding its geographic focus to include representatives from Northern Virginia.

***I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on May 13, 2015.***

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