

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A GRANT FOR A REGIONAL FOSTER PARENT OF THE YEAR
GALA AND 20TH ANNIVERSARY SALUTE TO WEDNESDAY'S CHILD**

WHEREAS, the need for loving foster parents continues to grow in the metropolitan Washington area; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is committed to continuing our tradition of honoring our region's most selfless citizens, foster parents, while recruiting more resource parents for the region's children; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions in the Washington region face the most severe economic and financial challenges in several decades, we must be pragmatic about our work and consider ways to increase the number of resource homes available for foster children with the scarce resources that are available; and

WHEREAS, Wednesday's Child represents a long partnership between the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), the Freddie Mac Foundation, NBC4 and local child welfare agencies. Begun in 1992, this televised adoption program finds loving adoptive homes for children in the Washington, DC metropolitan region. It also continues as the flagship for a nationwide network of Wednesday's Child programs sponsored by the Freddie Mac Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the region's child welfare committees have recommended that COG and the Freddie Mac Foundation honor existing foster parents while recruiting additional foster parents.

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 seek and accept a \$125,000 grant from the Freddie Mac Foundation for a combined Foster Parent of the Year and Wednesday's Child 20th Anniversary Gala. Wednesday's Child represents a long partnership between COG, the Freddie Mac Foundation, News4 and local child welfare agencies. Begun in 1992, this televised adoption program finds loving homes for children in our region. It also continues as the flagship for a nationwide network of Wednesday Child's programs sponsored by Freddie Mac. No COG matching funds are requested.