

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
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**RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S  
ENERGY STAR PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) recognizes the importance of energy-efficiency and clean renewable energy in nurturing a stronger economy, a cleaner environment, and greater energy independence for the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the ENERGY STAR Program is a voluntary program jointly managed by the United States Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency designed to help businesses, government agencies, and individuals protect the environment through superior energy efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in ENERGY STAR has been recommended by COG's Chief Administrative Officers' Committee and the Energy Policy Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the ENERGY STAR rating helps homes, commercial and industrial businesses, and government agencies reduce energy consumption while saving money and protect the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, products that earn the ENERGY STAR label are at least 10 percent more efficient than standard equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, several of COG member local government currently participate in the Energy Star program; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that ENERGY STAR helped to save enough energy at peak time to power 10 million homes and reduce greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of 10 million cars; and

**WHEREAS**, American consumers have purchased more than 630 million ENERGY STAR labeled products, to date.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

1. The Executive Director is authorized to enroll COG in the ENERGY STAR Program as a Regional Energy Efficient Program Sponsor.
2. The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to develop a program to promote ENERGY STAR in the residential, commercial, and consumer markets.
3. COG further encourages its members to recognize the opportunity to clean the air, reduce energy use, and save money by join the ENERGY STAR Program.