

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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Washington, DC 20002

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE COOL CAPITAL CHALLENGE

WHEREAS, Resolution 31-07 authorized the development of a COG Regional Climate Change Initiative and the creation of the Climate Change Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Steering Committee is reviewing local actions that can help encourage national leadership, by providing working models of greenhouse gas reduction initiatives that reinforce other high-priority policy objectives and stimulate private actions, by businesses and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Cool Capital Challenge is a grassroots campaign that unites individuals, schools, congregations, businesses, governments and other institutions to reduce the Capital Region's annual carbon dioxide emissions, with a goal of obtaining commitments for reducing one billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions by April 2008; and

WHEREAS, several COG-member local governments have already joined or are considering joining the Challenge; and

WHEREAS, the COG Climate Change Steering Committee believes that participation in the Cool Capital Challenge offers an opportunity to reach out to the general public and private sector and coordinate with existing regional climate change activities; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Steering Committee is charged with developing a regional greenhouse gas reduction goal, and the Cool Capital Challenge provides a valuable means of contributing toward meeting the goal; and

WHEREAS, COG has begun an internal sustainability effort that recognizes, among other initiatives, the Cool Capital Challenge as a possible activity;

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

1. The Board endorses the Cool Capital Challenge's goal of reducing greenhouse gases in the region.
2. The COG Board supports, as a corporate entity, participation in the Cool Capital Challenge and authorizes the Executive Director to develop an implementation strategy detailing COG's greenhouse gas reduction activities.
3. COG's Executive Director is authorized to transmit this resolution to member jurisdictions encouraging their participation in the Cool Capital Challenge and offering to assist in disseminating Cool Capital Challenge information.
4. The COG Board will be advised on the progress of Cool Capital Challenge on a regular basis.