

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING 2018 'THE YEAR OF THE ANACOSTIA'**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) established the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership in 2006 for the purpose of public, private, and community cooperation to implement the regional vision for Anacostia River watershed restoration and waterfront development by Resolution R28-2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anacostia River watershed stretches across 176 square miles, and runs through large portions of the metropolitan Washington region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anacostia River watershed contains recreation resources, such as trails and parks, which are valued assets in the region, and are enjoyed by residents and visitors by boat, bike, and on foot; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anacostia River watershed and the metropolitan Washington region benefit by significant infrastructure and development investments from the public and private sectors, including the DC Water Smart River tunnels and stadiums for the Washington Nationals and D.C. United; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anacostia River watershed has numerous historic and cultural sites which are vital for the history of the United States of America and the region, including a War of 1812 battle site, the U.S. Navy Museum, the Congressional Cemetery, and the Frederick Douglass Cedar Hills House; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anacostia watershed is home to nearly 500 species of fish, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Park Service will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of more than 1,200 acres as riverside public parkland, in the area now known as Anacostia Park, on August 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments is partnering with more than fifty regional agencies, businesses and community organizations to commemorate the Anacostia Park 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the continued progress in restoring the Anacostia River watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments appreciates the regional value of the natural assets, infrastructure, investment, and the historic significance of the Anacostia River watershed.

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

The board recognizes the regional efforts and partnerships to restore the Anacostia watershed and proclaims 2018 to be the "The Year of the Anacostia."

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on April 11, 2018.**

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