

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**777 North Capitol Street, N.E.**  
**Washington, D.C. 20002**

**SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION TO R13-2013**

**WHEREAS**, there is national and regional pressing concern about gun violence in our communities and in our region; and

**WHEREAS**, as elected officials, and individuals, we are troubled when gun violence occurs in our communities, creating heartache, fear and serious consequences for our quality of life, for society and for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence places huge demands on law enforcement, public safety and other local resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the COG Board has recently approved having the appropriate COG Committee(s) look into other issues which are related to gun violence, including but not limited to, mental health and school safety, and looks forward to the technical experience which the committee members will bring to these issues.

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

1. The Board of Directors encourages Directors and Member Jurisdictions to individually or collectively share their opinions regarding addressing gun violence with state and federal legislators; and
2. The Board reiterates its direction for the appropriate COG Committee(s) to look into issues which are related to gun violence, including but not limited to, mental health, school safety, and gun safety, and requests that the Committee(s) report back to the Board on their findings and any suggested actions within six (6) months; and
3. In order to maximize coordination, cooperation and consensus on all legislative issues, the Board directs the Executive Director to formalize criteria and a process to develop future legislative positions in conjunction with the Legislative Committee, to review the draft process with a past Board Chairs group no later than June 2013, and to include discussion of the process at the Board's annual retreat.

***I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted (26-2-1) by the Board of Directors at its April 10, 2013 meeting.***

***Nicole Hange***  
***Acting Executive Board Secretary***