

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXECUTION OF A
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has long espoused mutual aid agreements which would address the region's ability to give mutual support in times of terrorism, natural emergency, and major public events, as well as day-to-day assistance in providing efficient and expeditious public safety services; and

WHEREAS, COG has supported Federal legislation which would ameliorate concerns over third-party liability and reimbursement which have been roadblocks to updating or originating regional mutual aid agreements; and

WHEREAS, Congress has recently addressed these concerns for the National Capital Region as Section 7302 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Protection Act of 2004; and

WHEREAS, the COG Attorneys Committee, working in conjunction with attorneys representing the Department of Homeland Security and the Attorneys General of Maryland and Virginia, has completed a proposed Mutual Aid Agreement for the National Capital Region which implements and utilizes the authority and protections conferred on the region by Congress as Section 7302 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Protection Act of 2004.

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

1. That COG supports and endorses broad based mutual aid for natural disasters, incidents of terrorism, major public events, and the day-to-day needs of providing efficient and expeditious public safety services to the residents of the National Capital Region.
2. That COG requests that the jurisdictions of this Region review and consider the National Capital Region Mutual Aid Agreement, authorize its execution, and commence activities thereunder as soon as possible.