

Resolution R16-2021  
February 10, 2021

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

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COLLABORATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN THE  
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGION**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 24 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

**WHEREAS**, metropolitan Washington is a dynamic region with historically one of the strongest economies in the nation, attracting talent and investment from around the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, with decreasing federal spending and increasing competition both nationally and internationally, the region needs to work together to strengthen the region's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, as the region diversifies economic growth outside of the federal government, COG's members have made enhancing the region's economic competitiveness a priority; and

**WHEREAS**, the COG Board of Directors applauds the efforts of the local governments in northern Virginia and suburban Maryland to work together to attract businesses and talent to the region to continue to spur economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, the recession caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected the region's economy and workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, while the country continues to battle the health and economic impacts of the pandemic, continued collaboration between localities in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia to attract and spur economic development in the COG region is essential.

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

The board applauds the efforts of the local governments in northern Virginia and suburban Maryland to work together to attract business and talent to strengthen the region's economy and encourages continued collaboration between Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia to further increase the economic competitiveness of the region.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolutions were adopted by the COG Board of Directors  
February 10, 2021  
Janele Partman  
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