

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002-4239**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A FEDERAL GRANT TO RETAIN FOSTER PARENTS AND
TO PROVIDE RESPITE SERVICES TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S FOSTER
FAMILIES**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has continuing interest in supporting the region's foster parents; and

WHEREAS, COG has provided recruitment and retention services to the region's public social service agencies; and

WHEREAS, COG has a partnership with the DC Foster and Adoptive Families Advocacy Center (FAPAC); and

WHEREAS, the federal government is providing COG with \$250,000 and the Freddie Mac Foundation is providing COG with \$96,000, both to retain foster parents and to provide respite services to the District of Columbia's foster families, with FAPAC having oversight; and

WHEREAS, COG has a continuing interest in providing respite services to foster parents of the District of Columbia.

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

The Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to accept a grant of federal funds from District of Columbia and a grant from the Freddie Mac Foundation to support a District focused foster family retention program that will provide respite services to District foster families. Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$346,000 will be accepted. No additional COG matching funds are required.
