

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program seeks to ensure decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program provides significant financial resources to address a wide range of community development needs, and provides annual grants on a formula basis to state and local governments nationally and in Metropolitan Washington; and

WHEREAS, CDBG funding nationwide has been reduced from a total of \$4.406 billion in FY2001 to \$3.99 billion in FY2010; and

WHEREAS, Congress is considering eliminating up to 60 percent of CDBG's budget which would greatly impact the nation's and region's community development industry and projects; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 25 to 30, 2011 is the 25th annual "National Community Development Week", which serves to recognize the local achievements and successes due to the wise use of CDBG funds; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, National Association of Counties, National Community Development Association, National Association for County Community and Economic Development, National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, and the Council of State Community Development Agencies have formed a partnership to promote the 2011 National Community Development Week campaign; and

WHEREAS, COG's Housing Director's Advisory Committee (HDAC) has requested that COG host a forum on April 25th with local government officials, housing and community development leaders, and HUD headquarters staff to address the ongoing significance of CDBG funds to metropolitan Washington.

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

1. COG recognizes April 25 to April 30, 2011 as Regional Community Development Week in support of Community Development Block Grant funds as a critical resource for local and regional housing, planning and community development programs.
2. COG recommends active participation by the region's local elected officials and housing and planning staff in COG's April 25th Regional Community Development Forum.

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