

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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PROPOSED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, May is National Foster Care Month, during which citizens and local governments are asked to renew a commitment to ensuring a brighter future for foster youth; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is committed to continuing our tradition of honoring our region's most selfless citizens, foster parents, while recruiting more resource parents for the region's children; and

WHEREAS, the need for loving foster parents continues to grow in the metropolitan Washington area; and

WHEREAS, as local governments continue to face extremely difficult fiscal constraints, we must be pragmatic about our work and consider ways to increase the number of resource homes available for foster children with the scarce resources that are available; and

WHEREAS, COG received a grant from the Freddie Mac Foundation to support a regional appreciation celebration at Nationals Park that recognized existing parents, including the production of a video to recruit other foster parents.

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

1. The COG Board gratefully acknowledges the ongoing financial support of the Freddie Mac Foundation to support foster care and other child welfare concerns in the region, and the Washington Nationals for their assistance in planning for and hosting the appreciation event.
2. The Board requests that local governments seek to ways to honor local foster parents and recruit additional foster homes, including the airing of COG's foster care video on local cable television stations.

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