

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

RESOLUTION COMMENDING MICHAEL C. ROGERS

WHEREAS, Michael C. Rogers was appointed Executive Director of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments by the COG Board of Directors in July 1998 after an extensive national search; and

WHEREAS, prior to his appointment at COG, Mr. Rogers enjoyed a distinguished career as City Administrator and Deputy Mayor for Operations for the District of Columbia, Director of the Mayor's Office of Contracts/Chief Procurement Officer for the City of New York, Vice President/Municipal Services for Ogden Services Corporation, Director of the Minority Business Development Agency for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Deputy Manager for the Washington Convention Center, an independent consultant on matters of government policy, operations, performance management, and privatization and outsourcing, and also in various positions in the Office of the City Administrator of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, during his four and one-half exciting, productive, and action packed years as executive director Mr. Rogers exemplified the best in public management and made many significant contributions to COG and the National Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers produced a legacy of innovation and partnership that will continue to serve COG and the National Capital Region for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers provided outstanding leadership in guiding the development of the first Board-led strategic planning process, producing the Board adopted strategic plan, *New Directions: Shaping Opportunities* in November 1999; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers initiated new opportunities to engage the Board and elected officials, including an annual retreat, annual Board dinner, as well as informal networking opportunities for elected officials that have served to build camaraderie among area elected officials and advance COG's vision and mission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers strengthened COG's ties with the Greater Washington Board of Trade, Leadership Washington, area foundations, businesses and nonprofit organizations, and many other regional stakeholders and partners; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers provided strong stewardship of COG resources, promoted entrepreneurship to expand COG's work program and budget, increased the COG reserve fund and established Board adopted policies governing the use of reserve funds; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers was the driving force behind the establishment of the Institute for Regional Excellence, a new program that he spearheaded that promotes regionalism among area public managers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers was the executive project director for COG's homeland security effort, quickly marshalling COG's resources to tackle this unprecedented challenge and producing the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan, adopted by the COG Board on September 11, 2002, and which represents the first of its kind regional plan to focus on emergency collaboration, communication, and coordination; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers is also a nationally and regionally recognized leader active in several organizations, including the National Association of Regional Councils, International City and County Management Association, the Greater Washington Board of Trade, Red Cross of the National Capital Areas, D.C. General Hospital, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and the D.C. Water and Sewer Authority, Leadership Washington, and the National Conference for Community and Justice; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers' many achievements are matched by his abiding commitment to public service, partnership and regionalism, his respect and affection for the Board, his colleagues and the COG staff, and the unique combination of passion and humor that he brings to all that he does; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers resigned as Executive Director of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, effective January 8, 2003, to accept a position as Executive Vice President for Corporate Services for MedStar Health, a company that owns several hospitals and provides health care services in the Washington-Baltimore area, and in his new position will be responsible for strategic planning, marketing, public relations and communications, government affairs, and fund development.

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

The Board conveys its deep appreciation to Michael C. Rogers for his many contributions to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments during his tenure as Executive Director and wishes him all the best in his future endeavors.

Attested:

Bruce R. Williams
Chair

Mary K. Hill
Vice Chair

Phil Mendelson
Vice Chair