

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING FUNDING SUPPORT FOR  
THE REGIONAL PAWN DATA SHARING SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is the association of local governments in the Washington metropolitan region and is comprised of local, state and federal elected officials representing 20 local governments in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004, Congress, specifically the Honorable James Moran through the Department of Justice, provided funding for COG and the region's Law Enforcement agencies to establish the Regional Pawn Data Sharing System (RPDSS); and

**WHEREAS**, The RPDSS is a valuable tool for law enforcement which can be used in many different ways to aid local and regional law enforcement leadership and investigators in the apprehension of criminals and the recovery of stolen property; and

**WHEREAS**, The system was activated in August 2004, and within the first six months of operation, resulted in 1320 arrests and the recovery of more than four-million dollars of stolen property; and

**WHEREAS**, An independent evaluation of the system by Virginia Tech University concluded that 450 cases that would have otherwise gone unsolved were closed as a result of this regional system.

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

1. The COG Board expresses it's thanks to Congressman Moran and other state and local support for providing funding to COG and the region's law enforcement to establish the Pawn Data Sharing System.
2. The COG Board requests that the region's Police Chiefs Committee make regular updates to the COG Public Safety Policy Committee on successes gained by this regional investigative tool.