

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION ENDORSING DANGEROUS DOG POSITION STATEMENT AND DANGEROUS
DOG MODEL LEGISLATION**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has sought methods to protect the public health and safety of the citizens of the Washington metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments has worked to address the problems of animal protection throughout the Washington metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, the COG Animal Services Committee, identified dangerous dogs as an immediate and continuing public safety issue impacting the Washington metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, the COG Animal Services Committee, the COG Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee, and the COG Human Services Policy Committee have developed and reviewed a *Dangerous Dog Position Statement* and *Model Dangerous Dog Legislation* which can protect persons by identifying dogs of all breeds that exhibit the propensity for dangerous behavior before an attack; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), The National Animal Control Association (NACA), and The American Kennel Club (AKC) all support this approach.

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

1. The *Dangerous Dog Position Statement* and *Model Dangerous Dog Legislation* is endorsed by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors.
2. The *Dangerous Dog Position Statement* and *Model Dangerous Dog Legislation* is attached and shall be transmitted to each jurisdiction for review, consideration and enactment.
