

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL, REGIONAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL EFFORTS TO REDUCE  
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

**WHEREAS**, in November 2008 through Resolution R60-08, the COG Board of Directors adopted the *National Capital Region Climate Change Report* and its recommendations as COG's regional climate change policy, including voluntary regional greenhouse gas emission reductions goals for 2012, 2020, and 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, the greenhouse gas emission reduction actions in the *National Capital Region Climate Change Report* and the *2017-2020 Climate and Energy Action Plan* adopted by COG's Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) provide significant air quality, climate, and resiliency co-benefits, including contributing to meeting the 2015 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard; and

**WHEREAS**, the COG Board, at its meeting of June 14, 2017, asked CEEPC to research local actions as well as ongoing and planned regional actions that contribute to further reductions of greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, CEEPC's *Climate & Energy Action Plan*, reflecting the input of the Multi-Sector Greenhouse Gas Working Group, provides a framework and set of actions local governments can take to address climate change through reducing energy consumption, increasing use of renewable energy, optimizing transportation, increasing sustainable urban development, reducing waste, increasing climate resilience, growing the regional clean economy, and protecting equity and health; and

**WHEREAS**, many local governments in the COG region have indicated their intent to continue progress toward addressing climate change, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing environmental sustainability such as through the *We Are Still In* pledge and the *Mayor's National Climate Action Agenda*.

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

The board recognizes local leaders' reaffirmation of their commitment to continue to take actions to address climate change, many actions of which also improve air quality, support the economy, and improve public health and safety.

The board reaffirms a commitment to support local, state, regional, federal, and private stakeholders in their efforts to implement actions consistent with the regional *Climate & Energy Action Plan* to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, address climate impacts, and help meet their pledges and COG's greenhouse gas reduction goals.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on October 11, 2017.**

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