

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

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE REGIONAL RESPONSE AND COORDINATION TO THE JANUARY 29,
2025 MID-AIR COLLISION**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 24 jurisdictions of the metropolitan Washington region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, our longstanding collaborative work as a region to develop the National Capital Region Mutual Aid Agreement helped support a seamless, swift response by District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia responders to the tragic mid-air collision near the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) on January 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Mutual Aid Agreement helps local jurisdictions respond to incidents that call for resources beyond the capacity and capability of a single jurisdiction and describes how to access mutual aid/assistance when needed; and

WHEREAS, COG and area public safety officials have also collaboratively developed regional resources to enhance interagency communication, such as emergency alert notifications through the Regional Incident Communication and Coordination System (RICCS), prioritized the acquisition and deployment of interoperable technologies, and regularly held joint regional trainings and exercises; and

WHEREAS, the efficient and coordinated response to the regional emergency exemplifies the critical role of regional partnership and mutual aid; and

WHEREAS, the COG Board commends the heroic response to the incident by first responders representing our local, state, and federal agencies and disaster relief provided by our jurisdictions and regional partners and is grateful for the strong commitment to regional coordination by public safety officials.

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

The Board honors the lives lost on January 29, 2025 and recognizes the exceptional regional emergency response and coordination efforts to the mid-air collision near DCA. The Board thanks our local, state, federal and regional partners for their contributions in response to this tragic event and their ongoing commitment to the public safety and well-being of the metropolitan Washington region.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT Resolution R8-2025 was approved by the COG Board of Directors on March 12, 2025.

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