

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments is an independent, nonprofit organization, founded in 1957, and comprised of elected officials from 21 local governments of the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures, the U. S. Senate and the U. S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, in April 1957, forty officials from Washington area jurisdictions voluntarily gathered to establish an organization where they could exchange ideas and work together on regional issues like transportation, the environment and public safety. This organization became the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, during the past half century, COG's activities have touched every aspect of the life of the citizens of the National Capital Region and have improved the quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, COG has developed regional responses to such issues as the environment, affordable housing, economic development, human services, land use development, public safety/emergency response, and transportation that affect the quality of life of all residents of the National Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, COG has served as the Metropolitan Planning Organization guiding the region's transportation planning in partnership with the State Department of Transportation and COG's air quality committee has worked successfully to reduce pollutants in the region's air; and

WHEREAS, COG galvanized the region's response to the September 11th attacks and the ongoing emergency preparedness program; served as the site where major decisions were made during the Potomac River Clean-Up; organized one of the nation's first regional conferences on AIDS; developed the region's express bus lane system; led the fight against air pollution with a model law and daily air quality index; and found foster and adoptive families for vulnerable children and teenagers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim 2007 as:

"COG'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR"

and urge the citizens of the City of Alexandria to continue their support of COG and its legacy or regional cooperative and commitment to a vibrant future for our State and the Metropolitan Region.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10th day of April 2007.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR
*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk