

RESOLUTION NO. 18-03

**ISSUING SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY INITIATIVE TO END
UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS IN PLANNING DISTRICT 16**

WHEREAS, the George Washington Regional Commission (“the Commission”) is the Planning District Commission serving the City of Fredericksburg and Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford counties, known collectively as Planning District 16, and;

WHEREAS, the Commission serves as lead agency for the Fredericksburg Regional Continuum of Care (CoC), the federally-mandated network of community partners who provide a coordinated response to those experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness in Planning District 16, and;

WHEREAS, on any given night there are 39 persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the region, and this number has increased over the past five years, and;

WHEREAS, studies have shown that investment in permanent housing reduces homelessness while also reducing costs associated with frequent usage of the healthcare, criminal justice, and homeless services systems, and;

WHEREAS, in response to a request from the City of Fredericksburg, the CoC developed a plan to fully address unsheltered homelessness within Planning District 16, and;

WHEREAS, the CoC proposes to raise additional housing resources, on top of existing system funding for identifying, sheltering, and rehousing those experiencing homelessness in the region, in order to leverage existing partnerships to scale to house all persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the George Washington Regional Commission urges all local governments in Planning District 16 to support the community initiative to end unsheltered homelessness in the region.

Adopted by the George Washington Regional Commission at its duly called meeting of November 20, 2017, in the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, a quorum being present.

November 20, 2017

Matthew Kelly, Chairman