

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-07**

**RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UPCOMING 2020 CENSUS AND  
AUTHORIZATION OF A REGIONAL COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, every ten years, Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution mandates a count of all the people living in the United States and its territories, and

**WHEREAS**, this monumental task is one that affects the distribution of approximately \$675 billion dollars from the federal government as well as the redistricting of numerous federal, state and local governmental representatives, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Census will address every household in the nation with a simple questionnaire with the goal of counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place, and

**WHEREAS**, research indicate that missing or undercounting fifty (50) people will cost the region approximately \$1,000,000 in federal funds over the next ten years, and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth, local jurisdictions, and the business community utilize census data to provide descriptions of the social and economic characteristics of the region and our jurisdictions to determine the potential for commerce, as well as funding needs and opportunities for infrastructure, economic development, job training, schools, and other activities; and

**WHEREAS**, it will take the partnership of community leaders, faith organizations, non-profit organizations, regional partners, regional governmental entities, and educational institutions to raise the public's awareness of the importance of the census, and support the census efforts, and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that by working in partnership at the we can accomplish more than working without coordination and group strategy development,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that board of the George Washington Commission do hereby authorize staff to develop and convene a Regional Complete Count Committee to help guide, inform, coordinate and support the efforts of each local jurisdiction's Complete Count Committee.

Adopted by the George Washington Regional Commission at its duly called meeting of April 15, 2019 in the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, a quorum being present.

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Tim McLaughlin, Vice-Chair

April 15, 2019