

RESOLUTION NO. 21-09

**ADOPTING THE GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL COMMISSION
2020 HOUSING AFFORDABILITY STUDY AND ACTION PLAN**

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 together as Planning District 16; and

WHEREAS, as the George Washington Region continues to grow, the current housing supply will continue to feel the pressures of high demand, and both new and existing residents in the region are feeling those impacts through increasing costs to buy and maintain a home or rent an apartment; and

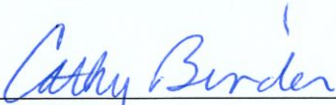
WHEREAS, at its April 15, 2019 meeting, the Commission voted to apply for funding through Virginia Housing (formerly Virginia Housing Development Authority) to create a housing affordability plan, and the Commission successfully secured this funding; and

WHEREAS, the Commission contracted with *HousingForward* Virginia, a Richmond-based nonprofit, to complete the study through data analysis and focus groups meetings and develop the plan with the support of a working group; and

WHEREAS, the working group, representing over 15 local jurisdiction representatives and organizations, worked diligently with *HousingForward* Virginia to develop a menu of 42 detailed housing policy solutions aimed at bringing a range of new housing opportunities to the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the George Washington Regional Commission that it hereby adopts the George Washington Regional Commission 2020 Housing Affordability Study and Action Plan.

Adopted by the George Washington Regional Commission at its duly called meeting on November 16, 2020, a quorum being present.



Cathy Binder, Chairman

November 16, 2020