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WHEREAS, Mr. Chuck Bean was appointed Executive Director of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) in December 2012 and is the fifth chief executive in the organization's 65-year history; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bean has been an exemplary leader in unifying planning priorities for the Metropolitan Washington region and has collaborated across jurisdictions with a positive outlook and political skill resulting in a multitude of long-term accomplishments, while working tirelessly to provide a regional model for successfully building consensus, taking action, and achieving goals; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, COG convened key stakeholders and initiated sustained advocacy for a 2018 dedicated funding agreement for Metro, and helped the states establish the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission, the transit system's independent safety oversight body; and

WHEREAS, at his direction, COG provided officials in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia with data supporting their bids and coordinated joint letters and materials that saw the region successfully attract Amazon's HQ2 to Arlington; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, COG Board adopted three regional targets to increase the amount, accessibility, and affordability of housing and implemented a grant program, backed by the Amazon Housing Equity Fund, to support affordable housing developments near transit; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bean has oriented COG and the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) to establish interim goals to stay on top of progress toward long range climate goals and has presided over our region's air quality improvement efforts that have seen a reduction in unhealthy air days to only 3 in the most recent year measured; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Mr. Bean led COG's staff in developing Equity Emphasis Areas (EEAs), an analytical tool identifying locations with high concentrations of traditionally underserved communities, and directed COG to help member jurisdictions use this key concept to inform future planning and investments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bean is concluding his service as Executive Director COG with the development of *Region United: Metropolitan Washington Planning Framework for 2030*, which communicates interconnected housing, climate, transit, and equity priorities for the next decade and highlights COG grants, planning tools, and other resources available to advance these shared regional goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Cristol, Chair of the County Board in Arlington, Virginia do hereby recognize on this 20th day of December 2022

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for his hard work and unceasing dedication to bolstering the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and working to realize our regional vision of a more prosperous, accessible, livable, equitable, and sustainable metropolitan Washington.

Katie Cristol
Chair