RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 22-32

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

DATE: April 28, 2022

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A CONGRESSIONAL DIRECT SPENDING REQUEST TO THE U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS 
SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

WHEREAS, floods are one of the most common natural hazards in our region and can result in significant property and infrastructure damage as well as loss of life; and

WHEREAS, inland flooding due to extreme rainfall is increasing with warming temperatures; and

WHEREAS, multiple municipalities in Northern Virginia installed individual precipitation and flood gauge networks to monitor the trends, distribution and variability of intense localized downpours; and

WHEREAS, evaluating long-term rainfall-runoff dynamics in the region would provide insight into the relative impacts of urbanization and climate change on our watersheds; and

WHEREAS, aggregating and serving real-time rainfall and flooding data from individual gauge networks on a single platform would allow for improved spatio-temporal analysis of intense rainfall events and urban flood warnings; and

WHEREAS, the Commission was awarded $11,250 through the Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) for a regional rain gauge audit; and

WHEREAS, the Office of U.S. Senator Tim Kaine is accepting requests for Congressionally Directed Spending for Virginia projects for Fiscal Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, grant funding is available from the Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF); Special Projects for research related to climate and weather; and

WHEREAS, supplementing CFPF grant funds would allow for the implementation of study results and the creation of public-facing platform with real-time gauge data; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to apply for funds not to exceed $120,000 from the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies for the project, “The weather is testing us and we’re bombing”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to enter into any agreements with NOAA, should the proposal be accepted for funding.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on April 28, 2022.

ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER

A regional council composed of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William counties, the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park, and the towns of Dumfries, Herndon, Leesburg, and Vienna