



## Northern Virginia Regional Commission

# RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 09-03

PATRON: G. Mark Gibb, Executive Director  
DATE: September 25, 2008

### **AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT FUNDING PROPOSALS TO SUPPORT CLIMATE AND ENERGY-RELATED COOPERATIVE EFFORTS FOLLOWING THE “FIRST U.S.-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCILS”**

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) recognized (Resolution No. 08-08) the findings of the 2007 *Virginia Energy Plan*, which noted that “carbon dioxide emissions rose in Virginia by approximately 34 percent from 1990 to 2004, a rate that is nearly twice the national average,” and that continued trends will negatively affect the health and environment of Northern Virginia residents; and

WHEREAS, NVRC was instrumental in the organization and implementation of the “First U.S.-European Conference of Metropolitan Regional Councils,” hosted in Alexandria, Virginia, April 10-11, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the “First U.S.-European Conference of Metropolitan Regional Councils” resulted in a non-binding Declaration calling for long-term, mutually beneficial research, exchanges of lessons and best practices climate and sustainable energy policies among U.S. and European regional councils; and

WHEREAS, the participants of the conference and signatories to the Declaration recognize the economic, environmental and social benefits of joint peer-to-peer technical and policy exchanges and research among U.S. and European metropolitan regional councils; and

WHEREAS, many other entities in Northern Virginia and throughout the Commonwealth recognize the expected health, environmental and economic benefits that could result from applying lessons learned in other regions – both within the U. S. and abroad – to accelerate Northern Virginia’s effectiveness in implementing sustainable energy planning and in taking measures to mitigate the negative effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, NVRC staff has developed a conceptual proposal (at an estimated cost of \$800,000) for promoting sustainable energy policies in Northern Virginia in response to the challenges of climate change and that these policies will be informed by a sustained exchange of views and information with the METREX network;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to share the "community energy planning" proposal with potential funding partners (e.g., business community, financial institutions, utilities, state agencies, and others) that may be willing to provide financial support for one or several aspects of the proposed program, and that the Commission subsequently will have the prerogative to approve the terms and conditions for accepting offers of funding that may result.

#### 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 September 25, 2008.

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