



**RESOLUTION OF THE
CONNECTICUT METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
SUPPORTING RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AS COUNTY
EQUIVALENTS FOR CONNECTICUT BY THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU**

WHEREAS, Public Act 153 abolished county government in the State of Connecticut in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes established regional councils of governments as political subdivisions of the state and authorizes them to provide the following services: “(1) engineering; (2) inspectional and planning; (3) economic development; (4) public safety; (5) emergency management; (6) animal control; (7) land use management; (8) tourism promotion; (9) social; (10) health; (11) education; (12) data management; (13) regional sewerage; (14) housing; (15) computerized mapping; (16) household hazardous waste collection; (17) recycling; (18) public facility siting; (19) coordination of master planning; (20) vocational training and development; (21) solid waste disposal; (22) fire protection; (23) regional resource protection; (24) regional impact studies; and (25) transportation” (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 8-31b); and

WHEREAS, regional councils of governments are enabled by Connecticut General Statutes to “accept or participate in any grant, donation or program made available to counties by any other governmental or private entity” (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 8-31b); and

WHEREAS, federal recognition of regional councils of governments as county equivalents for the State of Connecticut would bring federal practice into conformity with Connecticut General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, federal recognition of regional councils of governments as county equivalents for the State of Connecticut would not change any provision of the Connecticut General Statutes or municipal ordinances; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the MetroCOG supports federal recognition of regional councils of governments as county equivalents for the state of Connecticut.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified Secretary of the MetroCOG certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the MetroCOG on February 22, 2018.

Secretary *Adam Dunsby*

DATE: 2/22/18

First Selectman Adam Dunsby
MetroCOG Secretary

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