



M-NCPPC Resolution No. 20-15

**AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE
COVID-19 RESPONSE DECISIONS**

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) has presented an unforeseen set of events without any precedent in the agency’s history; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Governor Larry Hogan declared that a “state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency exists within the State of Maryland”; and

WHEREAS, the M-NCPPC has not declared an emergency closing and its departments continue to operate; and

WHEREAS, rapidly evolving federal/state directives, public health practices/mandates, and County recommendations, require the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to effectively navigate COVID-19 related operational decisions affecting programs and services, safety protocols, and workplace policies related to schedules, accommodations, and response related recognition; and

WHEREAS, managing the COVID-19 response necessitates the ability to address and implement decisions quickly through the issuance of directives, guidance, and ratification of memorandums of understanding bargained with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and the Municipal and County Government Employees Organization (MCGEO) Unions; and

WHEREAS, the respective Chair of each Planning Board and the Executive Director form the agency’s Executive Committee and are in regular communications on COVID-19 response matters with input from respective Department Heads; and

WHEREAS, the Commission may delegate the approval of organizational policy to the Executive Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the M-NCPPC hereby authorizes the Executive Committee to approve and implement operational decisions related to COVID-19

matters, including temporary changes in operational schedules, accommodations, compensation, and tentative agreements reached with the FOP and MCGEO Unions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this authorization shall remain in effect for six months from the adoption of this Resolution, unless expressly withdrawn or extended by the M-NCPPC; and

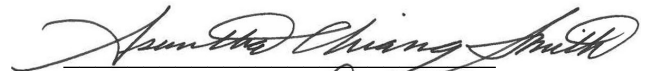
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the M-NCPPC hereby authorizes the Executive Committee to take action as may be necessary to implement this Resolution.

APPROVED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

William Dickerson,
M-NCPPC Legal Department,
(July 13, 2020)

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 20-15 adopted by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on motion of Commissioner Washington, seconded by Vice-Chair Hewlett, with Chair Anderson, Vice-Chair Hewlett, Commissioners Bailey, Cichy, Fani-Gonzalez, Geraldo and Washington voting in favor of the motion, with Commissioners Doerner, Patterson, and Verma being absent from the vote held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 via video-conference.



Asuntha Chiang-Smith
Executive Director