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# Milwaukee County

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DATE: September 5, 2013  
TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Chris Abele, County Executive  
SUBJECT: **Appointment of John W. Dargle, Jr.**

Pursuant to Sec. 59.17(2) Wis. Stats, and subject to confirmation by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, I am pleased to appoint Mr. John W. Dargle, Jr. to the position of Director of the Milwaukee County Parks, Recreation, & Culture Department.

Mr. Dargle is an accomplished Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP), most recently serving as the Director of the Fairfax County Park Authority - the most populous jurisdiction in both Virginia and the Washington DC metropolitan area with a \$65 million operating budget and a \$50 million capital budget. Mr. Dargle is known for his collaborative work with constituents, partners, stakeholders and government leaders.

Mr. Dargle is a U.S. Army veteran who flew helicopters and served in the Persian Gulf War. He is a recent winner of a Gold Medal award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management as well as the recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Mr. Dargle joined the Milwaukee County Parks Department in June 2013, adjusting quickly and enthusiastically to the Parks' busiest time of the year. He has been busy meeting staff and getting to know Milwaukee County's parks. He is excited to focus on preservation and protection of our natural and cultural resources, improving the quality of parks, as well as facilitating the development of park and recreation programs and facilities. Mr. Dargle has already begun the process of agency accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) on behalf of Milwaukee County, an important milestone for high-achieving parks systems.

I have every confidence that Mr. Dargle will bring to the Parks Department the leadership and vision needed for Milwaukee County. I urge you to give this appointment your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Abele  
Milwaukee County Executive

Cc: County Board of Supervisors  
Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Board of Supervisors