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The Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks is requesting authorization to execute a Friends Agreement between Milwaukee County Parks and The Park People of Milwaukee County, Inc., by recommending adoption of the following:

**AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, The Park People of Milwaukee County, Inc. (The Park People) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, charitable organization, whose mission is to support the Milwaukee County (the County) parks system by promoting the value of educating stakeholders about County parks, encouraging park improvement through Friends Groups, coordinating Weed-Out programs, and accepting charitable contributions while balancing long-term park viability; and

WHEREAS, The Park People was founded on November 22, 1977, and has had a mutually-beneficial relationship with the County since that time; and

WHEREAS, The Park People continues to have a significant and positive impact on the County parks system through education, park improvements, volunteerism, and providing support to Friends groups; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 13, Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (the Code), provides guidelines for County departments that form partnerships with support groups, and requires a written agreement be developed between the department and the support group, for approval by the County Executive and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, though there have been several agreements between The Park People and the County over the years, an overarching Friends Agreement (the Agreement) has not existed; and

WHEREAS, the term of this Agreement is for the calendar year in which it is signed, and remains in effect unless and until terminated upon six months written notice by either party, or by mutual consent, or for cause; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement also lays out the roles and responsibilities of the County and The Park People, as required by Chapter 13 of the Code, including the handling of solicitations and donations, future improvements, records and reporting, and insurance provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of December 10, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-891 as amended (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

46 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
47 authorizes the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) to execute a  
48 Friends Agreement (the Agreement) between DPRC and The Park People of Milwaukee  
49 County, Inc. (The Park People), for this calendar year, **which and will renew annually,**  
50 **and** remain in effect **unless and** until terminated upon six months written notice by  
51 either party, or by mutual consent, or for cause; and

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53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Agreement shall comply with Chapter 13 of  
54 the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances; and

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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Agreement shall include a provision requiring  
57 that The Park People has written policies and procedures to ensure strong internal  
58 controls, which will allow for better monitoring by DPRC.

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