

Supervisor Haas, Chairperson,
By the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment reporting on:

File No. 18-388

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3 A resolution by the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment relating to an
4 informational report from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, requesting a
5 written informational report from the Interim Director, Department of Parks, Recreation,
6 and Culture, regarding the status of the Winter Farmers Market at the Domes Annex, by
7 recommending adoption of the following:

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9 **AN ENGROSSED RESOLUTION**

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11 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Winter Farmers Market (MWFM) is operated by the
12 Fondy Food Center, whose mission is to “connect neighborhoods to fresh, local food –
13 from farm to market to table”; and

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15 WHEREAS, the MWFM began in 2009 at the Wisconsin State Fair Park and
16 moved to the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory’s Show Dome and lobby for the
17 2013/2014 season; and

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19 WHEREAS, in January 2015, the market moved to the newly built Greenhouse
20 Annex next to the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory, where it has remained for
21 the past three and a half years; and

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23 WHEREAS, at the end of the 2017-2018 winter market season the Department
24 of Parks, Recreation, and Culture informed the MWFM that the event could no longer
25 be housed in the Greenhouse Annex; and

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27 WHEREAS, MWFM began the search for a new location, but reports that it is
28 unable to find a suitable location for the market; and

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30 WHEREAS, the MWFM is open to the public and the Greenhouse Annex
31 provides a sunny attraction for visitors during the winter months from November to April;
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34 WHEREAS, Fondy Food Center estimates that the MWFM generates more than
35 \$1,000,000 for its 79 farmers and local food vendors each season; and

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37 WHEREAS, the MWFM provides urban residents an opportunity to purchase
38 nutritional, fresh food, from local vendors, accepts people with FoodShare benefits, and
39 stimulates the economy; and

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41 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
42 May 15, 2018, recommended adoption of this By the Committee Resolution (vote 5-0);
43 now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) supports and requests that the Administration and the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture continue Milwaukee County's partnership with the Milwaukee Winter Farmers Market by negotiating a new agreement with Fondy Food Center, in coordination with the terms and conditions adopted by the County Board in File No. ~~18-99~~, to keep the market at the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory's Greenhouse Annex for consideration by the County Board.

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