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Milwaukee County

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DATE: June 8, 2018
TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Chris Abele, County Executive
SUBJECT: Appointment of Guy Smith

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. Guy Smith to the position of Director of the Milwaukee County Parks, Recreation, & Culture Department.

Since 2004, Mr. Smith has been a part of our team at Milwaukee County Parks. Mr. Smith started as trails coordinator. He quickly grew to into supervision and management and transitioned to several roles within the department, including deputy regional manager of land resources and chief of operations. He is currently serving in his second of two periods as interim director, the first taking place in 2017.

Mr. Smith has served on multiple boards, committees and professional organizations during his career including: more than 10 years as a board member of Groundwork Milwaukee; as a regular conference presenter and board member of the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association (WPRA); and as an active Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). He earned Project Management Certificates from MATC in 2011 and is a 2017 graduate of the WPRA's Leadership Academy.

Prior to working for the County, Smith began his career as a park ranger with Dane County Parks while attending college at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he graduated with a degree in Natural Resource Management. He then served as a facility manager with the U.S. Forest Service in both Kentucky and Tennessee.

Guy has been recognized for his strong capacity for leadership, and anyone who's met him knows he's truly an outdoor enthusiast. He has a deep respect for nature, a desire to bring people together through the outdoors and a vision for making our Milwaukee County Parks the best in the nation. 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