

3 A RESOLUTION

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5 Naming a portion of a Milwaukee County Park Woodland in honor of Naturalist Richard
6 Barloga.

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8 WHEREAS, Richard Barloga, a well-known and respected naturalist was actively
9 involved in conservation leadership since the early 1970's and has assisted countless
10 organizations with education, natural area stewardship, and resource preservation; and

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12 WHEREAS, Mr. Barloga started a nature program in 1977 at Jacobus Park working
13 with the Milwaukee County Parks System to aid the elderly and handicapped in learning
14 about natural ecosystems; and

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16 WHEREAS, Mr. Barloga served as a Milwaukee Public Museum Associate and
17 provided plant species specimens to their herbarium collection which will assist future
18 botanists and land managers with identification of rare plant species and natural area
19 ecosystem management; and

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21 WHEREAS, Mr. Barloga legacy includes over 45 years spent compiling detailed
22 plant community inventories and ecological studies of many natural areas throughout
23 Southeast Wisconsin; and

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25 WHEREAS, being a prolific wildlife and ecological authority, Mr. Barloga has
26 captured thousands of wildflower and natural area photographs that provide a visual record
27 of our legacy landscapes and endangered plant species; and

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29 WHEREAS, Mr. Barloga's detailed inventory work has supported permanent
30 conservation efforts and acquisition of many community natural areas by local
31 governments and non-profit organizations including the Esch-Honadel Woods,
32 Fitzsimmons Woods, Carity Prairie, Franklin Scout Park, New Berlin Deer Creek Sanctuary,
33 Martins Woods and the Eagle Prairie; and

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35 WHEREAS, Mr. Barloga poured his physical, emotional, intellectual and artistic
36 efforts into the protection of the natural world and its indigenous plant communities so that
37 they might serve as places of tranquility, spiritual reflection and opportunities for teaching
38 responsible and moral land ethics; and

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40 WHEREAS, his tenure as an observer and teacher of the natural world instructed and
41 inspired a generation of land managers and citizen stewards throughout the region; and

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43 WHEREAS, Mr. Barloga's years of seasonal inventories of the unique woodland
44 locally known as Esch-Honadel Woods in Oak Creek, led to its identification as one of the

45 most significant local natural resources and ultimately its addition to the Milwaukee
46 County Park System; and

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48 WHEREAS, the Esch-Honadel Woods are comprised of multiple parcels of wooded
49 land within Falk Park and the Parks department has specifically designated those parcels to
50 be named after Mr. Barloga; and

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52 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County desires to recognize Richard Barloga for his lifelong
53 commitment to the people and natural resources of Southeastern Wisconsin and his
54 passion that led to the protection and enhancement of so many diverse and beautiful
55 landscapes; now, therefore,

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57 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby honors
58 the life and contributions of Mr. Richard R. Barloga by naming the Milwaukee County
59 owned woodlands located south of Drexel Avenue and east of S. 27th Street "Barloga
60 Woods" in his memory.

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