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From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into any and all contracts and take all actions necessary to effectuate a \$200,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Kohl Park Wildlife Enhancements - Planning and Design phases in the Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States (U.S.) -Canada Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement defines Areas of Concern (AOC) as "geographic areas designated by the Parties where significant impairment of beneficial uses has occurred as a result of human activities at the local level;" and

WHEREAS, there are 27 U.S. AOCs in the Great Lakes basin, including the Milwaukee Estuary AOC; and

WHEREAS, habitat restoration to remediate wildlife populations within Kohl Park was identified as a necessary fish and wildlife restoration project in the Milwaukee Estuary AOC Management Action List in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin (the State) Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has provided Milwaukee County (the County) with a commitment for a \$200,000 Grant Agreement (the Grant) to carry out the Scope of Work (SOW) for the Kohl Park Wildlife Enhancements – Planning and Design project in the Milwaukee Estuary AOC; and

WHEREAS, projects in the SOW will help with an overall goal of delisting the Milwaukee Estuary AOC; and

WHEREAS, the State DNR expects that it will execute the Grant with the County by December 2023; and

WHEREAS, to meet State and Federal deadlines, the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, is requesting authority to prepare, review, approve, and execute all contracts, amendments, agreements, and any other documents, and take all actions required for the purpose of administering the Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of January 23, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-116 (vote 5-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of January 25, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-116 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

46 BE IT RESOLVED, upon execution of the Grant Agreement (the Grant) between
47 Milwaukee County (the County) and the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural
48 Resources for Kohl Park in the Milwaukee Area of Concern, the Milwaukee County
49 Board of Supervisors authorizes the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture,
50 Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Corporation Counsel, Risk Management-
51 DAS, Office of Economic Inclusion-DAS, Office of the Comptroller, County Executive,
52 and any other County Department that may be necessary, to prepare, review, approve,
53 and execute all contracts, amendments, agreements, fund transfers, and any other
54 documents, and take all actions required for the purpose of administering the above-
55 referenced Grant to carry out the Scope of Work that is attached to this file to expend
56 the full Grant amount of \$200,000.

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