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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 Commemorating the 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur's  
7 return to Milwaukee on April 27, 1951, and declaring April 27, 2022 as "Milwaukee  
8 County MacArthur Day" in Milwaukee County  
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11 WHEREAS, the MacArthur family has strong Milwaukee and Wisconsin ties:

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- 13 • Arthur MacArthur Sr. served as a Milwaukee Circuit Court Judge and Lieutenant
  - 14 Governor of Wisconsin before becoming a federal judge
  - 15 • Arthur MacArthur Jr. served in the 24<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry Regiment during the
  - 16 Civil War, mustered from Milwaukee; and went on to earn the Congressional
  - 17 Medal of Honor aged 19 at the Battle of Missionary Ridge for gallantly picking up
  - 18 his unit's flag which had fallen after its standard bearer was killed in action; upon
  - 19 picking up the flag MacArthur shouted, "On Wisconsin!" before charging at the
  - 20 Confederate lines, receiving two bullet wounds before planting the flag on rebel
  - 21 fortifications

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25 WHEREAS, General MacArthur at that time was completing a 53-year career in  
26 the United States Army, having served:

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- 28 • In the Veracruz Expedition
  - 29 • As Brigadier General in World War I
  - 30 • General of the Army in the World War II Pacific Theater, where he earned the
  - 31 Congressional Medal of Honor like his father before him
  - 32 • Supreme Allied Commander in Postwar Occupied Japan
  - 33 • United Nations Commander in the Korean War

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37 WHEREAS, Wednesday April 27, 2022 marks the 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of General of  
38 the Army Douglas MacArthur's return to Milwaukee on April 27, 1951, to receive an  
39 Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Marquette University; and

40 WHEREAS, the Marquette University President, Reverend Edward J. O'Donnell,  
41 S.J. presented the honorary degree to General MacArthur alongside his wife, Jean  
42 Faircloth MacArthur, and son, Arthur, before a crowd of 20,000 at the old Marquette  
43 University football stadium; and

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45 WHEREAS, while also in Milwaukee, General MacArthur spoke at the dedication  
46 ceremony of MacArthur Square and toured Milwaukee in a motorcade which attracted  
47 around one million spectators to greet the general; and

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49 WHEREAS, General MacArthur later that year gave his famous farewell "Old  
50 Soldiers Never Die. They Just Fade Away" speech to a joint session of Congress on  
51 April 19, 1951, and later died on April 7, 1964 in New York City; and

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53 WHEREAS, in June 1979 the Milwaukee County Historical Society and  
54 Milwaukee County War Memorial began the MacArthur Memorial Week which was  
55 attended by the general's widow, Jean Faircloth MacArthur, including:

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57 • Dedication of a newly commissioned statue of the general by Sculptor Robert  
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59 • A parade through Milwaukee's downtown  
60 • An exhibition of the "MacArthurs of Milwaukee" at the Milwaukee County  
61 Historical Society  
62 • A week of programs and presentations at the War Memorial Center

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66 WHEREAS, in June 2014, the Veterans Community Relations Team (VCRT) and  
67 the Milwaukee County War Memorial presented the second MacArthur Memorial Week  
68 which included a week of programs and speakers, including a Kiwanis MacArthur  
69 Lecture Luncheon and presentation of the VCRT Patriotism Award at the WMC's  
70 Memorial Hall; and relocation of the General MacArthur statue to Veterans Park (File  
71 No. 14-107), celebrated by a capacity crowd at the Milwaukee Art Museum and  
72 attended by the Australian Ambassador to the United States; and

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74 WHEREAS, the next Annual Kiwanis MacArthur Lecture Luncheon, delayed by  
75 the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, will occur on Wednesday April 27, 2022, and will  
76 feature as keynote speaker the MacArthur expert, archivist James Zobel of the  
77 MacArthur Memorial Museum in Norfolk, Virginia; and

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79 WHEREAS, in recognition and commemoration of General MacArthur's illustrious  
80 53-year career and the civic contributions of the MacArthur family; and

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WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of January 25, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-128 (vote 3-1); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby declares April 27, 2022, the 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of General Douglas MacArthur’s Milwaukee homecoming, as “Milwaukee County MacArthur Day” in Milwaukee County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby on April 27, 2022 further honors all past and present members of the United States military for the important roles they have undertaken and continue to play in service of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the County Clerk mail copies of this resolution to the President of the Veterans Community Relations Team and the Chairman of the Milwaukee County War Memorial.

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