

1 Supervisor Gerry Broderick, Chairperson,
2 From the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, reporting on:

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4 File No. 15-690

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6 (ITEM) A resolution by Supervisor Weishan, Jr., requesting that the Director,
7 Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) collaborate with the Wisconsin
8 Department of Natural Resources to develop a coyote management plan and
9 authorizing an appropriation transfer of up to \$25,000 from the Appropriation for
10 Contingences to DPRC, by recommending adoption of the following:

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12 **A RESOLUTION**

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14 WHEREAS, recently there have been multiple complaints related to coyotes in
15 the City of Wauwatosa as a result of three separate fatal attacks on local residents'
16 dogs; and

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18 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County residents expressed concerns to the Wisconsin
19 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requesting a course of action for addressing
20 the growing coyote problem; and

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22 WHEREAS, on October 6, 2015, a public meeting was held with Wauwatosa
23 officials and the DNR to discuss how to combat the coyote issue and keep residents
24 and their pets safe; and

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26 WHEREAS, the DNR stated that population control, such as culling, is not an
27 effective method for coyotes, and instead causes a surge in their breeding patterns; and

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29 WHEREAS, the City of Mequon's Common Council adopted a Coyote Nuisance
30 Management and Response Plan Policy on August 11, 2015, to provide a strategic
31 action plan for handling incidents between humans and coyotes, which includes hazing
32 efforts to instill a fear of humans, as well as a removal system conducted by contracted
33 professionals, if necessary; and

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35 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has a duty to its residents to address the valid
36 safety concerns of their families, pets, and property; and

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38 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
39 October 27, 2015, recommended adoption of this resolution (vote 5-1); now, therefore,

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41 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture
42 (DPRC) is requested to collaborate with the Wisconsin Department of Natural
43 Resources to develop a strategic plan of action to address coyote nuisance within
44 Milwaukee County (the County) and to implement measures that ensure the safety of all
45 residents and their respective property, which may include a removal procedure for
46 patterned coyote nuisance; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget, Department of Administrative Services, is authorized to process an appropriation transfer to appropriate up to \$25,000 from the Appropriation for Contingencies account to the DPRC to be used towards the development of a coyote management plan for the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any coyote management plan developed by the DPRC is to be implemented as soon as practicable, beginning with primary emphasis on the Wauwatosa area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if it is determined that the appropriated \$25,000 is insufficient to cover the costs of the coyote plan development and its implementation, the DPRC may submit a request for an additional appropriation transfer to address the remaining costs for this program.

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