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(ITEM NO.) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC), requesting authorization to accept Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funding for Milwaukee County Park System improvement projects, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the GLRI was launched in 2010 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to accelerate efforts to protect and restore the Great Lakes, the largest system of fresh surface water in the world; and

WHEREAS, working through GLRI Action Plans, Federal agencies use GLRI resources to strategically target the biggest threats to the Great Lakes ecosystem and to accelerate progress toward long term goals; and

WHEREAS, a major focus has been on cleaning up Great Lakes Areas of Concern (AOC); and

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

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is tasked with implementing the AOC in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the DNR has taken the initiative to apply for GLRI Noncompetitive AOC funds on behalf of the DPRC for the following projects:

- South Shore Park Water Quality Improvements (\$350,000)
- Kletsch Park Dam Fish Passage (\$550,000)
- Little Menomonee River Corridor Habitat Restoration (\$500,000);

and

WHEREAS, the DPRC recommends that it be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the DNR to accept the offered GLRI funds and to implement the three park improvement projects identified above; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the DPRC is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the DNR to accept the offered GLRI funds and to implement the three park improvement projects identified above.