

1 By Supervisor Weishan

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3 **A RESOLUTION**

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5 Authorizing Milwaukee County's role in relocating the General Douglas MacArthur
6 statue located in MacArthur Square to Veteran's Park on the lakefront
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9 WHEREAS, MacArthur Memorial Week, recognizing the "MacArthur's of
10 Milwaukee", will be presented June 3-7, 2014, in various events at the War Memorial
11 Center and the Marquette University Law School; and
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13 WHEREAS, the magnificent, 9 ½ foot, bronze statue of General of the Army
14 Douglas MacArthur sculpted by Robert Dean, was unveiled by Mrs. Douglas MacArthur
15 and dedicated in a ceremony at MacArthur Square on June 8, 1979; and
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17 WHEREAS, the cost of the statue was covered by private donations, especially
18 from the late Marie Uihlein, at no expense to taxpayers; and
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20 WHEREAS, the MacArthur statue is currently located in MacArthur Square,
21 which is owned by the City of Milwaukee, where relatively few people have an
22 opportunity to admire it due to the low volume of pedestrian traffic; and
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24 WHEREAS, various veterans organizations led by the Veterans Community
25 Relations Team (VCRT) have recommended that the MacArthur statue be relocated
26 and rededicated on the lakefront North of the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center
27 (WMC) during the above referenced MacArthur Memorial Week; and
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29 WHEREAS, the VCRT has secured necessary funding and support for the move
30 of the MacArthur statue to the lakefront at no expense to the City and County of
31 Milwaukee; and
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33 WHEREAS, the VCRT will, with the assistance of volunteer firms, assume the
34 responsibility to move the MacArthur statue to the lakefront; now, therefore,
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36 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Corporation Counsel and other appropriate County
37 officials are authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to relocate the
38 MacArthur statue to Veteran's Park on the lakefront, and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon City of Milwaukee approval of relocating
41 the MacArthur statue from MacArthur Square, Milwaukee County authorizes placement
42 of the statue in Veteran's Park adjacent to the Vietnam Memorial on the lakefront; and
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44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County, in the future, will preserve and
45 maintain the MacArthur statue on the lakefront; and

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall provide a copy of this
47 resolution to Gregory West and Charles C. Mulcahy, Veterans Community Relations
48 Team (VCRT), to confirm the County's approval and to proceed with the necessary
49 steps to accomplish the relocation of the statue.