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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to apply for, accept, and implement one or more Fund for Lake Michigan Program grants, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the mission of the Fund for Lake Michigan (FLM) is to support efforts, in particular those in southeastern Wisconsin, that enhance the health of Lake Michigan and its shoreline and tributary river systems for the benefit of the people, plants, and animals that depend upon the system for water, recreation, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, grant making in 2014 will focus on southeastern Wisconsin, with a preference for projects that:

- Enhance the ecological health of near shore and coastal areas and the rivers of southeastern Wisconsin through habitat preservation and restoration.
- Improve the quality of the water flowing into Lake Michigan by reducing pollutants including toxins and nutrients such as phosphorus.

; and

WHEREAS, priority will be given to on-the-ground projects that have near-term (one to two years), direct, and quantifiable impacts on the priorities listed above, including protecting critical natural habitats and making water resources more swimmable, fishable, and drinkable; and

WHEREAS, special consideration will be given to projects that leverage the significant public and private investments of other key Lake Michigan and Great Lakes donors; and

WHEREAS, geographically, FLM Program grants are targeted to the Lake Michigan shoreline, near shore areas, and watersheds of southeastern Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, no match is required for FLM Program grants, although sponsors and project partners are encouraged to demonstrate commitment to a proposal through contributions of funds and/or in-kind resources; and

WHEREAS, the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), recommends that DPRC be authorized to apply for one or more FLM Program grants and to undertake all actions and activities necessary to accept and implement FLM Program grant awards offered to Milwaukee County; and

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WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of March 11, 2014, recommended adoption of the Department's request (vote 7-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of March 13, 2014, recommended the Department's request be **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** (vote 8-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to apply for one or more Fund for Lake Michigan Program grants.

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