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5 **A RESOLUTION**
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7 Calling upon the State of Wisconsin to amend its statutes to restore one-time purchase
8 lifetime admission passes for those aged 65 and older to access Wisconsin State Parks,
9 Forests and Recreation Areas
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12 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Park System provides places for outdoor
13 recreation and learning about nature and conservation, providing numerous personal
14 and environmental benefits; and
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16 WHEREAS, prior to 1992, Wisconsin residents aged 65 and older could buy
17 "Senior Citizen Recreation Cards" granting them lifetime admission to Wisconsin state
18 parks through a one-time purchase; and
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20 WHEREAS, while the State of Wisconsin has ended its lifetime recreation card
21 program, other government agencies still provide lifetime senior passes, including the
22 federal government which offers a one-time purchase lifetime "Senior Pass" to provide
23 access to hundreds of recreation sites managed by the following six federal agencies:

- 24 • National Park Service
- 25 • US Fish & Wildlife Service
- 26 • Bureau of Land Management
- 27 • Bureau of Reclamation
- 28 • US Forest Service
- 29 • US Army Corps of Engineers

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33 WHEREAS, reducing barriers to access outdoor recreation and natural areas will
34 support Milwaukee County's vision to achieve racial and health equity by becoming the
35 healthiest county in the state; and
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37 WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its special
38 meeting of March 18, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-353 (vote 4-0); now,
39 therefore,
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41 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby calls upon the State of Wisconsin
42 to amend Section 27.01(07) of the Wisconsin State Statutes and restore one-time
43 purchase lifetime admission passes for residents 65 and older to access our state
44 parks, forests, and recreation areas; and
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46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Office of Government
47 Affairs staff is authorized and requested to communicate the contents of this resolution
48 to state policymakers.

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