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3 From the Zoo Director of the Milwaukee County Zoo requesting authorization to execute  
4 a memorandum of understanding between Milwaukee County and the Zoological  
5 Society of Milwaukee, by recommending adoption of the following:  
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7 **A RESOLUTION**  
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9 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) has constructed and maintains a  
10 zoological garden known as the Milwaukee County Zoo (the Zoo), to collect and exhibit  
11 to the residents of the County and general public a collection of animals, and to promote  
12 conservation, education, and recreation; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the Zoological Society of Milwaukee's (the Society) mission is to  
15 take part in conserving wildlife and endangered species, to educate people about the  
16 importance of wildlife and the environment, and to support the Zoo; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the Zoo has become one of the finest zoos in the world and a major  
19 tourist attraction in Wisconsin, with a substantial and beneficial economic, cultural, and  
20 educational impact on the County and Southeastern Wisconsin; and  
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22 WHEREAS, the County and Society wish to assure the continued success and  
23 prosperous growth of the Zoo in the future; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the County and Society have previously entered into Memorandums  
26 of Understanding (MOU) on February 11, 1989, February 11, 1992, November 27,  
27 1996, and April 24, 2014; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the County shall receive from the Society for the Zoo, programming  
30 service, and financial support as further set forth in this MOU, and upon which the  
31 parties agree from time-to-time; and  
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33 WHEREAS, the Society and its members shall receive programming and service  
34 support, and other benefits from the County as further set forth in this MOU, and upon  
35 which the parties agree from time-to-time; and  
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37 WHEREAS, the County and Society agree that, as independent and separate  
38 entities, each shall maintain a staff and management structure independent of the other;  
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41 WHEREAS, the County will receive from the Society 50 percent of the revenue  
42 from the Zoo Pass Membership Program; and  
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44 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of  
45 March 18, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-166 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director, Milwaukee County Zoo, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Zoological Society of Milwaukee (incorporated by reference herein); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the initial term of this MOU shall be four years, and shall automatically renew for an additional four years, and that either party may terminate this MOU only by providing at least one calendar year written notice to the other party prior to the extension of any additional term.

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