

1 By Supervisors Jursik and Mayo
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4 **A RESOLUTION**
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6 directing the War Memorial Center Board of Trustees along with the boards of the
7 Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum, Charles
8 Allis Art Museum and Milwaukee Art Museum to make recommendations to resolve
9 concerns raised in a recent audit
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11 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County War Memorial, Inc., mission is to “honor the
12 dead by serving the living” through the principles of arts and peace; and
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14 WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors (“County Board”) directed that an
15 audit be conducted to review the facility and parking of the War Memorial Center along
16 with the governing structure of the War Memorial Center Board of Trustees and related
17 boards; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Audit entitled “New Strategies are Needed to Revitalize the War
20 Memorial Center and Fulfill its Dual Mission to Honor Veterans and Promote the Arts”
21 was released in September 2011 and made certain recommendations relating to both
22 the facilities of the separate institutions and the operations of the respective boards; and
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24 WHEREAS, the County Board supports the recommendations contained in the
25 Audit, but wants input from the affected boards that represent these institutions prior to
26 taking further action; and
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28 WHEREAS, the County Board, desires to have the War Memorial Center Board
29 of Trustees along with the boards of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, Villa
30 Terrace Decorative Arts Museum, Charles Allis Art Museum and Milwaukee Art
31 Museum review the Audit, respond with their own viewpoints and have an opportunity to
32 offer suggestions to address the Audit recommendations prior to the County Board
33 making decisions related to these issues; now, therefore,
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35 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
36 directs that the separate boards identified herein review the War Memorial Audit and
37 make recommendations for resolving the concerns addressed in the Audit specifically
38 responding to the following general areas: Governance; Facilities including
39 maintenance; and Financial Support as specifically set out in the Audit document; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each board specifically respond to each
42 recommendation of the Audit that is specific to the **governance, mission, facility and**
43 **financial support** of their respective institution and further show how boards might
44 attain independence to become self-supporting; each board shall prepare a responsive
45 report with recommendations by May 2012 and submit said reports to the County Board
46 Finance and Audit and Parks, Energy and Environment Committees; and

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board urges the respective
48 boards to work creatively and interact with the other governing boards to find
49 appropriate solutions to the Audit concerns with the goal of working collaboratively
50 toward the best interest of each board and the financial health of their respective
51 missions while resolving the concerns expressed in the Audit; and

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53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board will defer further action
54 pending the review and recommendations of each governing board so that the County
55 Board may take final actions in an inclusive manner, no earlier than May 2012, with
56 formal Board Resolutions, as needed, to resolve the issues addressed in the audit.