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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to grant waivers to various special event organizers, in the form of special event permits, to close portions of Lincoln Memorial Drive for various special events in 2015, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Subsection 47.031(5) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances requires any event sponsor who wishes to conduct an event that impedes access to Lincoln Memorial Drive (LMD) to petition the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors through the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment for a waiver if the event does not conform to one or more conditions or restrictions listed in Subsections 47.031(1) to (4); and

WHEREAS, eight event organizers have applied to the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) for special event permits that would impede access to LMD on various dates in 2015; and

WHEREAS, three events have been held annually for more than 30 years including the Ride for the Arts, Roots & Wings Run, and the Briggs & Al's Run & Walk, and the events bring awareness to and provide a mechanism for fundraising for specific charitable organizations or causes through their events; and

WHEREAS, newer events such as the USA Triathlon have brought thousands of participants and visitors to Milwaukee, increase exposure, and contribute directly to our local economy; and

WHEREAS, event organizers are required to pay all fees required by DPRC for closing LMD and permitting to host the event on park property; and

WHEREAS, event organizers must also apply for and receive permits from the City of Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, discussions with lakefront stakeholders will occur and every effort will be made to minimize business interruption along the routes; and

WHEREAS, access to lakefront venues will be coordinated with the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Parks Director to grant waivers, in the form of special event permits, for the following events that impede access to portions of Lincoln Memorial Drive in 2015:

	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
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48	Ride for the Arts	May 31, 2015	6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
49	Summerfest Rock 'n Sole	June 13, 2015	6:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
50	Roots & Wings Run	July 19, 2015	6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
51	USA Triathlon	August 8, 2015	7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
52		and August 9, 2015	7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
53	Briggs & Al's Run & Walk	September 19, 2015	9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
54	Komen Race for the Cure	September 27, 2015	7:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
55	Milwaukee Marathon	November 1, 2015	6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
56	Santa Hustle	December 5, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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