A RESOLUTION

requesting the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture furnish a report to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors providing a plan to utilize Red Arrow Park as a roller-skating rink in the ice-skating off-season

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County's Red Arrow Park is a 1.2 acre park located at 920 N. Water Street in downtown Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, through a combination of public and private funding, Red Arrow Park was redesigned to include a 128' x 95' refrigerated ice-skating rink known as the "Slice of Ice"; and

WHEREAS, the Slice of Ice is seasonally operated by Milwaukee County Parks, with the season typically beginning in December and ending in late February or early March; and

WHEREAS, in the off-season when the ice-skating rink is not in operation the park functions as a plaza; and

WHEREAS, it has been suggested that the ice-skating rink area could be used in the off-season for roller skating; and

WHEREAS, in July 2020 the Washington Post published a wellness article titled "How to get around, get exercise, get cool this summer: Roller skating" that highlighted the popularity of roller skating during the COVID-19 Pandemic and the associated physical and mental health benefits the activity provides; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of March 15, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-396 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture provide a report to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for the May 2022 committee cycle with a plan to utilize Red Arrow Park as a roller-skating rink in the ice-skating off-season.

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