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4 **AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

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6 Calling for the reestablishment of the Milwaukee County Public Art Program and  
7 requiring the incorporation of public art in Milwaukee County capital improvement  
8 projects  
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11 WHEREAS, the 2000 Adopted Capital Improvements Budget established the  
12 Milwaukee County Public Art Program and directed one percent of the total budgeted  
13 funds from any eligible capital project exceeding \$500,000 to be used towards public art  
14 related to the qualifying project and also established the Public Art Committee to  
15 oversee the program; and  
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17 WHEREAS, as of 2012, the Public Art Program utilized more than \$1 million in  
18 funding to commission 18 art projects throughout Milwaukee County; and  
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20 WHEREAS, as the result of the loss of funding due to the reallocation of funds to  
21 other projects, the Public Art Committee and Public Art Program were placed on official  
22 hiatus status in 2012 (File No. 12-413); and  
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24 WHEREAS, prior to being placed on official hiatus status in 2012, the County  
25 contracted with an outside architecture firm to oversee the Public Art Committee and  
26 Program with an annual expense of \$20,000 documented in the adopted Capital  
27 Improvement Budget; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Public Art Committee and Public Art Program  
30 have not been refunded since funding ceased in 2012; and  
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32 ~~WHEREAS, the influx of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funding~~  
33 ~~from the federal government represents an opportunity to invest in the creative~~  
34 ~~economy of Milwaukee County and reaffirm the County's commitment to funding~~  
35 ~~public art by reestablishing the Public Art Program utilizing ARPA funding; and~~  
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37 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 17, 2022,  
38 recommended adoption of File No. 22-388 as amended (vote 7-0); now, therefore,  
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40 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
41 authorizes and requests the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, working in  
42 conjunction with the Office of the Comptroller and other staff as needed ("Work Group")  
43 to develop a plan to reestablish the Milwaukee County Public Art Program and require  
44 public art in eligible capital improvement projects; and  
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46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Public Art Program shall include but not be  
47 limited to the creation of accessible and visible public art; including music, spoken word,  
48 writing, visual arts, and tactile art; and

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50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Work Group is requested to develop a  
51 recommendation to reestablish the Public Art Program and the guidelines to incorporate  
52 public art into capital improvement projects in a financially sustainable manner; and

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54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the program guidelines should plan for the  
55 eventuality of capital improvement projects being unable to incorporate public art and  
56 allow for the public art appropriation of said projects to be applied to a different capital  
57 project or to the maintenance and upkeep of existing public art.

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