From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, requesting authorization to execute an agreement between Milwaukee County Parks and the Milwaukee Parks Foundation, Inc., and the authority to accept restricted donations from the Foundation, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Parks Foundation, Inc., (the Foundation), is a non-profit corporation, organized under Section 181, Wisconsin State Statutes, with a tax-exempt status, under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code, and was formed and has functioned for the purpose of soliciting, holding, managing, investing, and expending funds and other gifts, grants, and bequests, exclusively for the benefit and support of the parks, maintained by Milwaukee County (the County), as well as educational, scientific, and cultural programming, as its Board of Directors from time-to-time deems to be suitable and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation was established in 2019, with the mission of engaging the community in supporting the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) to collectively steward a thriving park system; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation provides support where it is needed most, complementing DPRC operations, and expanding DPRC engagement capacity, while cultivating philanthropic support and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Section 13, Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (the Code), provides guidelines for County departments that form partnerships with support groups, and requires a written Agreement (the Agreement) be developed between the department and the support group, for approval by the Milwaukee County Executive and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board); and

WHEREAS, for efficiency, DPRC is asking for the authority to accept restricted donations from the Foundation that align with DPRC's mission, and these funds will be recognized and approved by the County Board through budget adoption, fund transfers, and/or capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the term of this Agreement is for the calendar year in which it is signed, and remains in effect unless and until terminated upon six months written notice by either party, or by mutual consent, or for cause, and fulfills the requirements of Section 13, the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of July 19, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-785 (vote 5-0); and

 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of July 21, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-785 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) hereby authorizes the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), to execute an Agreement (the Agreement) between DPRC and the Milwaukee Parks Foundation, Inc., (the Foundation) for this calendar year, which will renew annually, and remain in effect until terminated upon six months written notice by either party, or by mutual consent, or for cause; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes the Director, DPRC, to accept restricted donations from the Foundation that are aligned with the mission of DPRC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes DPRC, the Department of Administrative Services, the Office of Corporation Counsel, and any other Department that may be necessary, to execute and record all documents and perform actions as required to execute the Agreement with the Foundation.

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