

An Action Report Requesting Authorization to Enter Into a One-Year Extension of the Cooperation Agreement Between The Milwaukee County War Memorial, Inc., The Milwaukee Art Museum, Inc., And Milwaukee County, by recommending adoption of the following:

## A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial Center (WMC), on June 4, 1945, confirmed the founding purpose of WMC was to build and manage a permanent War Memorial (the Memorial); and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) adopted File No. 13-594, dated March 17, 1953, which approved and designated lakefront property within Juneau Park for use as a Memorial; and

WHEREAS, WMC immediately engaged in fundraising to secure \$5 million in pledges to build the Eero Saarinen building (the Saarinen Building), and launched its mission statement to “Honor the Dead by Serving the Living”; and

WHEREAS, the County community envisioned a Memorial to honor the dead by serving the living, and a museum to serve the living through art exhibitions and education programs; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 1954, the County agreed to lease land to WMC for construction of a Memorial; and

WHEREAS, WMC, as prime tenant and manager, entered into an Agreement, dated July 18, 1955, with the Milwaukee Art Institute and the Layton Art Gallery, as amended by an Addendum to Agreement, dated September 10, 1956, all of which provided a sublease to the Milwaukee Art Institute of portions of the Saarinen Building, and use of space by the Layton Art Gallery (the 1955 Sublease), and the Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM) succeeded to the interests of the Milwaukee Art Institute, under the 1955 Sublease; and

WHEREAS, the Saarinen Building, designed by Eero Saarinen, was completed in 1957; and

WHEREAS, MAM and Layton Art Collection, Inc., have entered into a new Agreement (the Agreement), dated April 7, 2013, which incorporates the space rights of the Layton Art Gallery, provided in the 1955 Sublease; and

44 WHEREAS, as successor to the interests of the Milwaukee Art Institute, MAM  
45 has occupied and improved portions of the Saarinen Building for MAM's use, and in  
46 1975, MAM funded and constructed an addition to the Saarinen Building, known as the  
47 Kahler Addition (the Kahler Addition), and MAM subsequently donated the Kahler  
48 Addition to the County; and  
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50 WHEREAS, simultaneous with the execution of this Agreement, the parties will  
51 execute certain agreements that will, together with this Agreement, supersede and  
52 replace all prior agreements, amendments, leases, or subleases, to which the County,  
53 WMC and MAM were parties, relating to the respective rights of each party to use and  
54 occupy the Saarinen Building, the Kahler Addition, and certain related lands; and  
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56 WHEREAS, MAM and WMC desire to maintain a harmonious relationship in  
57 which the use of their respective parcels complement one another, provide for the public  
58 use and enjoyment of the citizens of the County, recognize WMC's mission of honoring  
59 the memory of service men and women who have served in the defense of our country,  
60 and recognize MAM's mission of enriching life by advancing the appreciation and  
61 understanding of visual arts through collection, preservation, display, research,  
62 education, and interpretation; and  
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64 WHEREAS, the parties' willingness to enter into this Agreement is predicated  
65 upon the good will and good faith of the parties in abiding by the terms, and promoting  
66 the spirit of this Agreement; and  
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68 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of  
69 September 13, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-968 (vote 4-0); now,  
70 therefore,  
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72 BE IT RESOLVED, the Economic Development Division, Department of  
73 Administrative Services, is hereby authorized to enter into a one-year extension of the  
74 Cooperation Agreement between the War Memorial Center, Inc., the Milwaukee Art  
75 Museum, Inc., and Milwaukee County.  
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