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From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into certain agreements with The Ability Center for the construction and long-term maintenance of a universal park at Wisconsin Avenue Park, including a 25-year lease of the park clubhouse with two 25-year renewals, and the authority to rename the park to Moss Universal Park in recognition of the generous donation of the George F. Moss Charitable Trust, and the authority to grant utility and/or sewer easements necessary for the project, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, AFAR, Inc., doing business as The Ability Center (TAC), is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, whose goal is to provide a higher quality of life for people of all abilities by transforming greater Milwaukee into the most universally inclusive recreation destination in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) has partnered with TAC on several initiatives to promote accessibility in the parks through the RampUP MKE Program, including accessible wheelchairs at Bradford Beach, accessible ice-skating sleds in Red Arrow and Wilson Parks, hand cycles in Veterans Park, and the installation of an accessible ramp and matting at Bradford Beach; and

WHEREAS, TAC approached DPRC several years ago to discuss the possibility of a partnership to construct a Universal Park (the Project) at Wisconsin Avenue Park (the Park); and

WHEREAS, this proposal was presented to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in File No. 22-928 and File No. 23-311; and

WHEREAS, TAC, in coordination with DPRC, has had several public input meetings, and conducted a public input survey, with the community showing overwhelming support for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Project is estimated at \$10 million, which TAC is providing through its fundraising, with no funding required from Milwaukee County; and

WHEREAS, the Project is proposed to be completed in two phases, with the first phase including upgrades to the Park clubhouse, accessible restrooms, a universal field, improved baseball and softball fields, accessible playground spaces, and a new and expanded parking lot; and

WHEREAS, phase two of the Project proposes accessible paths, fitness stations, activity areas, an inclusive challenge course, and sensory destinations; and

46 WHEREAS, TAC currently leases the Park clubhouse, and wishes to enter into a  
47 long-term Lease Agreement (the Agreement) of the clubhouse once the clubhouse  
48 renovations are complete; and

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50 WHEREAS, the term of the Agreement would be 25 years, with two, 25-year  
51 renewals, and additional requirements as outlined in the Term Sheet attached to this  
52 file; and

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54 WHEREAS, in recognition of the generous donation of \$2.5 million from the  
55 George F. Moss Charitable Trust, TAC is requesting, with the support of DPRC, to  
56 rename the Park to Moss Universal Park; and

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58 WHEREAS, the Director, DPRC, requests authorization to take all actions  
59 necessary to create the Moss Universal Park with TAC for the benefit of the community  
60 and people of all ages and abilities; and

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62 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of June 16,  
63 2023, recommended adoption of File No. 23-599 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

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65 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)  
66 authorizes the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) to enter into  
67 Development Agreements, Maintenance Agreements, and any other agreements  
68 necessary with AFAR, Inc., doing business as The Ability Center (TAC), for the  
69 construction and long-term maintenance of the Universal Park (the Project) at  
70 Wisconsin Avenue Park (the Park); and

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72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is hereby authorized by the County Board  
73 to rename the Park to Moss Universal Park; and

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75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes DPRC, in  
76 collaboration with the Office of Corporation Counsel (OCC), and the Milwaukee County  
77 Comptroller, to draft and execute a Lease Agreement with TAC for a 25-year term, and  
78 two, 25-year renewals, which shall include the items in the Term Sheet attached to this  
79 file; and

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81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes the Director, DPRC,  
82 the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), the Register of Deeds, OCC, and  
83 Risk Management, DAS, to prepare, review, approve, execute, and record all  
84 documents, and take all actions as required, including the granting of utility and/or  
85 sewer easements, necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the  
86 improvements related to the Project; and

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88 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Executive and County Clerk are  
89 authorized to execute the easement and other required documents.

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