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From the Executive Director of County Parks, requesting authorization to execute a temporary easement with Midwest Fiber Network LLC to install, operate and maintain an underground fiber optic line in Juneau Park, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Midwest Fiber Networks, LLC, (Midwest Fiber) is proposing an Easement for an underground fiber-optic conduit line across a portion of Juneau Park; and

WHEREAS, Midwest Fiber is looking to install fiber-optic conduit with the interest of providing fiber-optic service to St. Johns on the Lake, located at 1840 North Prospect Avenue, and Milwaukee County (the County) owns the land that the fiber-optic line will travel under, which Midwest Fiber will have to access to install and maintain their fiber-optic cable; and

WHEREAS, Midwest Fiber looked for ways to avoid crossing or installing on County parkland, however this instance was unavoidable due to existing utilities belonging to the Wisconsin Electric Power Company preventing Midwest Fiber from staying off parkland; and

WHEREAS, the proposed final Easement acreage on parkland is approximately 0.0063 acres, or 272.85 square feet; and

WHEREAS, Midwest Fiber and the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) have negotiated the terms for a temporary Easement, with an initial ten-year term, with one additional, consecutive ten-year extension, with a base rent of \$5.00 per linear foot, with an annual 3 percent increase in the rent, for the 62-linear-foot Easement; and

WHEREAS, DPRC has reviewed this request, and based on the size of the Easement, the minimal impact to parkland, natural areas, and recreational activities, and the overall benefit to the community as it relates to providing fiber-optic services to St. Johns on the Lake, is recommending approval of this Easement; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of July 9, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-601 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Register of Deeds, Corporation Counsel, and Risk Management, DAS, to prepare, review, approve, execute, and record all documents, and take all actions as required, to grant Midwest Fiber Networks, LLC, the required temporary, underground Easement with DPRC; and

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

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