

1 By Supervisor Weishan  
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3 **A RESOLUTION**

4 authorizing and requesting the Director of Audits to initiate an audit of the  
5 operations of Boerner Botanical Gardens in Whitnall Park  
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8 WHEREAS, in 1929-30 Milwaukee County purchased much of the land that  
9 comprises today's Whitnall Park; and  
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11 WHEREAS, Alfred L. Boerner, who served as Milwaukee County's Landscape  
12 Architect beginning in 1927 and General Manager of the Park System beginning in  
13 1952, designed the botanical gardens in Whitnall Park; and  
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15 WHEREAS, after his death in 1955, the County renamed the botanical gardens  
16 that he designed the Boerner Botanical gardens in recognition of his impact on the  
17 gardens and the entire parks system; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the County currently partners with the Friends of Boerner Botanical  
20 Gardens ("FBBG"), a private 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that is separate and  
21 independent of the County to operate and support the Boerner Botanical Gardens; and  
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23 WHEREAS, the current Memorandum of Understanding between FBBG and the  
24 County is dated April 5, 2000, and is in need of updating to reflect changes that have  
25 occurred since that time; and  
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27 WHEREAS, an audit of the operations of Boerner Botanical Gardens will yield  
28 valuable, independent observations of the operations that can be used to develop a  
29 new successor Agreement between the County and the Friends of Boerner Botanical  
30 Gardens; now, therefore,  
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32 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors does  
33 hereby authorize and request that the Director of Audits conduct an operational audit of  
34 Boerner Botanical Gardens; and  
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any recommendations that are made as part  
37 of the audit should be considered for inclusion into a new agreement between the  
38 County and the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens to ensure that this botanical  
39 garden and arboretum remains one of the best in the country.