

1 Supervisor Gerry Broderick, Chairperson,
2 From the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, reporting on:

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4 File No. 14-107
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6 (ITEM) A resolution by Supervisor Weishan, Jr., authorizing Milwaukee County's
7 role in relocating the General Douglas MacArthur statue located in MacArthur Square to
8 Veterans Park on the lakefront, by recommending adoption of the following:
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10 **AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**
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12 WHEREAS, MacArthur Memorial Week, recognizing the "MacArthurs of
13 Milwaukee", will be presented from June 3 to 7, 2014, in various events at the Milwaukee
14 County War Memorial Center (WMC) and the Marquette University Law School; and
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16 WHEREAS, the magnificent, 9 ½ foot, bronze statue of General of the Army
17 Douglas MacArthur sculpted by Robert Dean, was unveiled by Mrs. Douglas MacArthur
18 and dedicated in a ceremony at MacArthur Square on June 8, 1979; and
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20 WHEREAS, the cost of the statue was covered by private donations, especially from
21 the late Marie Uihlein, at no expense to taxpayers; and
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23 WHEREAS, the MacArthur statue is currently located in MacArthur Square, which is
24 owned by the City of Milwaukee, where relatively few people have an opportunity to
25 admire it due to the low volume of pedestrian traffic; and
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27 WHEREAS, various veterans organizations led by the Veterans Community Relations
28 Team (VCRT) have recommended that the MacArthur statue be relocated and rededicated
29 on the lakefront north of WMC during the above-referenced MacArthur Memorial Week;
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32 WHEREAS, VCRT has secured necessary funding and support for the move of the
33 MacArthur statue to the lakefront at no expense to the City and County of Milwaukee; and
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35 WHEREAS, VCRT will, with the assistance of volunteer firms, assume the
36 responsibility to move the MacArthur statue to the lakefront; now, therefore,
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38 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Corporation Counsel and other appropriate County
39 officials are authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to relocate the MacArthur
40 statue to Veterans Park on the lakefront; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon City of Milwaukee approval of relocating the
43 MacArthur statue from MacArthur Square, and upon review by the Lakefront Development

44 Advisory Commission, Milwaukee County authorizes placement of the statue in Veterans
45 Park adjacent to the Vietnam Memorial on the lakefront; and

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47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County, in the future, will preserve and
48 maintain the MacArthur statue on the lakefront; and

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall provide a copy of this
50 resolution to Gregory West and Charles C. Mulcahy, Veterans Community Relations Team,
51 to confirm the County's approval and to proceed with the necessary steps to accomplish
52 the relocation of the statue.

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