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(ITEM ) A resolution by Supervisor Weishan, Jr., authorizing and requesting the Director of Audits to initiate an audit of the operations of Boerner Botanical Gardens in Whitnall Park, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, from 1929 to 1930, Milwaukee County purchased much of the land that comprises today’s Whitnall Park; and

WHEREAS, Alfred L. Boerner, who served as Milwaukee County’s Landscape Architect beginning in 1927 and General Manager of the Park System beginning in 1952, designed the botanical gardens in Whitnall Park; and

WHEREAS, after his death in 1955, the County renamed the botanical gardens that he designed the Boerner Botanical Gardens in recognition of his impact on the gardens and the entire parks system; and

WHEREAS, the County currently partners with the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens (“FBBG”), a private 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that is separate and independent of the County, to operate and support the Boerner Botanical Gardens; and

WHEREAS, the current Memorandum of Understanding between FBBG and the County is dated April 5, 2000, and is in need of updating to reflect changes that have occurred since that time; and

WHEREAS, an audit of the operations of Boerner Botanical Gardens will yield valuable, independent observations of the operations that can be used to develop a new successor Agreement between the County and the FBBG; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize and request that the Director of Audits conduct an operational audit of Boerner Botanical Gardens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any recommendations that are made as part of the audit should be considered for inclusion into a new agreement between the County and the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens to ensure that this botanical garden and arboretum remains one of the best in the country.