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(ITEM) A resolution by Supervisors Rainey and Broderick creating the Dontre Hamilton Memorial Planning Task Force to develop a plan and design for a memorial within Red Arrow Park to honor Mr. Dontre Hamilton, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is committed to the justice, health, and safety of all its residents; and

WHEREAS, Red Arrow Park has long stood as a monument to signify the tenacious bravery of citizens who fought for the protection of all American lives; and

WHEREAS, in continuing to honor the bravery of those who served to secure the liberty, livelihood, and freedom for all, Milwaukee County also acknowledges the present-day issues of economic struggle, health awareness, and crime that affects members of the local community; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2014, 31-year-old Dontre Hamilton was fatally shot in a tragic incident involving a Milwaukee police officer, which initiated from Mr. Hamilton being found sleeping on a park bench in Red Arrow Park; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hamilton suffered from a history of mental illness, which was brought to light after his untimely death; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hamilton’s presence in Red Arrow Park, an open public space, on the afternoon he was killed has been a catalyst in the dialogue of addressing the perceptions and awareness of mental health’s image beyond a hospital setting; and

WHEREAS, Red Arrow Park has since become a central meeting place that has unified people from diverse backgrounds and various communities, and this tragedy has served to galvanize public discourse on law enforcement’s interactions with mentally ill persons; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to acknowledge and honor the struggles of all who battle with mental illness, a memorial to recognize Mr. Hamilton within the park would be an appropriate and supportive step towards a peaceful resolution between all communities impacted by conflict, tragedy, and loss; and

WHEREAS, in order to determine the most appropriate and meaningful composition of a memorial for Mr. Hamilton, community members and stakeholders should have input on the design and development of such a project that would encompass all perspectives with dignity; and

47 WHEREAS, the creation of a memorial development task force will serve to
48 incorporate various concepts and develop a plan for an acceptable marker, and will
49 benefit from the input of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to assist in
50 the process and analysis of the design and cost estimates of a new memorial; and
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52 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
53 July 21, 2015, recommended adoption of this resolution (vote 5-0); now, therefore,
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55 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
56 hereby authorizes and requests the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture
57 (DPRC) to facilitate a Dontre Hamilton Memorial Planning Task Force (“the task force”)
58 to develop a conceptual plan and design for a new memorial marker to be installed
59 within Red Arrow Park in honor of Dontre Hamilton, to include a message educating
60 visitors on the memorial’s significance and raise awareness of mental health in
61 Milwaukee County; and
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63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the task force shall consist of five members,
64 composed of one representative from the 32nd Red Arrow Veteran Association, one
65 representative from The Coalition for Justice, one representative from the DPRC, one
66 representative from Pastors United Milwaukee, and one representative from the
67 National Alliance on Mental Illness Greater Milwaukee office; and
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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPRC shall provide adequate meeting space
70 for the task force to conduct its matters; and
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72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the task force shall be convened within three
73 months of the date this resolution is effectuated, and shall meet as needed to discuss
74 the concept, cost estimation, design, and style of an appropriate memorial marker to
75 recognize Mr. Hamilton and educate visitors on the significance of Red Arrow Park, as
76 well as develop a strategy to identify funding sources and potential donors for the
77 project; and
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79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the task force shall submit a written report
80 outlining their recommendations for the memorial design and implementation strategy to
81 the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment as soon as practicable; and
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83 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the implementation of any recommendations
84 submitted by the task force for the installation of the memorial shall be subject to County
85 Board approval.
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