

(ITEM) A resolution by Supervisor Broderick, supporting the execution of a Contribution Agreement between Milwaukee County and the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, Inc., by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 1969, the second building of the Milwaukee County War Memorial Project, later renamed the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts (the Center), was constructed with private funds as a living memorial to all who gave their lives while serving our country, and was deeded to Milwaukee County (the County) as a public trust for the preservation and enrichment of the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, the County and the War Memorial Corporation (the Corporation), and its' predecessors thereof, have operated the Center under the 1954 War Memorial Agreement; and

WHEREAS, a 1963 Amendment was submitted for adoption on February 3, 1966, relative to the site location of a music hall spanning from the lakefront to the riverfront, and two Memorandums of Understanding dated August 1, 1993, and January 15, 1999, addressing the operation, administration, and maintenance of the Center; and

WHEREAS, from 2004 through 2015, the County has provided annual operating and capital support of varying amounts to the Corporation for the express purposes of operating, administering, and maintaining the Center through its annual budget process; and

WHEREAS, Section 45.72(4) Wisconsin Statutes permits the County to continue appropriating funding to support veterans' memorials; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation provides valuable cultural activities, performing arts programming, veterans' programming, and educational opportunities for the public, and the County remains committed to supporting these initiatives so that the Corporation can continue to be successful; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of March 8, 2016, recommended adoption of this resolution (vote 5-1); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the attached Contribution Agreement between Milwaukee County (the County) and the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, Inc., (MCPA) and authorizes the Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, and County Executive to execute this agreement between the County and MCPA.

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