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A resolution by Supervisor Haas, requesting the Audit Services Division, Office of the Comptroller, conduct an audit of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture's operations, concessions, and event planning at the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (the Domes), by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (the Domes) has been a Milwaukee landmark and visitor attraction within Milwaukee County (the County) since 1967; and

WHEREAS, the condition of the Domes has continued to deteriorate over the years, and requires a significant investment to remain viable in their current form; and

WHEREAS, in February 2016, all three Domes were closed due to fallen concrete debris from the structure, and did not fully reopen to the public until October 29, 2016, after safety provisions were made; and

WHEREAS, although the necessity of ensuring the safety for all visitors and staff is the County's first priority, the closure of the Domes impacted programming and revenue opportunities for the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture; and

WHEREAS, in order to respond to continued fiscal stress, while ensuring the success of the Domes, best practices for potential new revenue sources should be explored, in addition to maximizing the operational and functionality potential of the facility in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of January 24, 2017 recommended adoption of File No. 17-111 (vote4-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby request the Audit Services Division, Office of the Comptroller, to conduct an audit of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture's operations, concessions, and event planning at the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory Domes