

(ITEM) From the President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee Public Museum, requesting authorization for the transfer of human remains of an African American male from Milwaukee Public Museum to Wisconsin Lutheran College, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Milwaukee Public Museum, Inc. (the "Corporation") has entered into an agreement with Milwaukee County (the "County") to manage and operate a natural history museum, known as the Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM); and

WHEREAS, one of the principle responsibilities of the Corporation is to manage the County's collection in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws, and adopted standards of national and international museum organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation is an accredited museum, bound by the guidelines set forth by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) in dealing with deaccessioning and transfer of human remains; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.5 of the Lease and Management Agreement between the County and the Corporation, states that the Corporation may implement its accession and deaccession policy with regard to particular artifacts, pursuant to the collection policy approved by the Corporation's Board of Directors and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2017, Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC) requested the deaccession and transfer of human remains of an African American male from MPM to WLC; and

WHEREAS, WLC is an ideal site to honor the life and legacy of the donor, and to ensure the continued curation of the remains for the purpose of infectious disease research and prevention; and

WHEREAS, WLC not only meets the standards required to protect these remains, but the religious mission and ethical goals of faculty and staff provide this individual with a structured and safe environment to rest; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation's staff has determined the items requested by WLC fall within the AAM guidelines for deaccession, as well as the Corporation's own Collection and Disposition policies to place human remains in the most appropriate facility to care for them; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation's Board of Directors approved the deaccessioning of these items to Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC) at their November 16, 2017 meeting; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approves the deaccessioning and transfer of the requested remains, as outlined in the letter hereto attached to this file, to Wisconsin Lutheran College, to ensure care for the remains, and to honor and protect the individual's life and legacy.