

1 Supervisor Haas, Chairperson,  
2 By the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment reporting on:

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4 File No. 18-388  
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6 A resolution by the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment relating to an  
7 informational report from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, requesting a  
8 written informational report from the Interim Director, Department of Parks, Recreation,  
9 and Culture, regarding the status of the Winter Farmers Market at the Domes Annex  
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11 **A RESOLUTION**  
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14 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Winter Farmers Market (MWFM) is operated by the  
15 Fondy Food Center, whose mission is to “connect neighborhoods to fresh, local food –  
16 from farm to market to table”; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the MWFM began in 2009 at the Wisconsin State Fair Park and  
19 moved to the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory’s Show Dome and lobby for the  
20 2013/2014 season; and  
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22 WHEREAS, in January 2015, the market moved to the newly built Greenhouse  
23 Annex next to the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory, where it has remained for  
24 the past three and a half years; and  
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26 WHEREAS, at the end of the 2017-2018 winter market season the Department  
27 of Parks, Recreation and Culture informed the MWFM that the event could no longer be  
28 housed in the Annex; and  
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30 WHEREAS, MWFM began the search for a new location, but reports that it is  
31 unable to find a suitable location for the market; and  
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33 WHEREAS, the MWFM is open to the public and the Annex provides a sunny  
34 attraction for visitors during the winter months from November to April; and  
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36 WHEREAS, Fondy’s estimates that the MWFM generates more than \$1,000,000  
37 for its 79 farmers and local food vendors each season; and  
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39 WHEREAS, the MWFM provides urban residents an opportunity to purchase  
40 nutritional, fresh food, from local vendors, accepts people with FoodShare benefits, and  
41 stimulates the economy; now, therefore,

42           BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors supports  
43 and requests that the Administration and the Department of Parks, Recreation and  
44 Culture continue Milwaukee County's partnership with the Milwaukee Winter Farmers  
45 Market by negotiating a new agreement with Fondy Food Center, in coordination with  
46 the terms and conditions adopted by the Board of Supervisors in File No. 18-99, to  
47 keep the market at the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory's Annex for  
48 consideration by the County Board.