By Supervisor Weishan, Jr. File No. 19-742

**A RESOLUTION**

Authorizing and directing an amendment to the 2017 Contribution Agreement with the Milwaukee County War Memorial to increase Milwaukee County’s contribution to the War Memorial from $486,000 annually to $700,000 for the years 2020 to 2030

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County adopted File No. 13594 on March 17, 1953, creating the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center, Inc. (the “War Memorial”), a non-profit organization, and approving the construction of a war memorial in an area within Juneau Park; and

WHEREAS, the War Memorial’s mission is to “honor the dead. Serve the living”, which they accomplish by creating space to honor the 3,481 men and women from Milwaukee County who died in the line of duty while also providing a hub for veterans, their families, and the public within Milwaukee County; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County adopted File No. 13-647 on July 25, 2013, approving a new Lease Agreement with the War Memorial, outlining updated financial commitments for both parties; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Lease Agreement provides $486,000 of County operating support to the War Memorial for a ten-year period from 2014 to 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement also pledged $10,000,000 of County funding towards Planned Capital Improvements to both the War Memorial and the Art Museum to address structural and maintenance deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County adopted File No. 16-229 which included a new 2017 Contribution Agreement, following the sale of O’Donnell Park; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Contribution Agreement replaced the 2013 Lease Agreement, but retained the same financial contribution for the years 2014 to 2023 by providing funding to the War Memorial Center in an annual amount of $486,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Contribution Agreement changed the financial contributions of the County to the War Memorial for the years 2024 to 2033, so that a total amount of $2,440,000 is payable according to the following schedule:

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| **2024** | $442,000 |  | **2029** | $222,000 |
| **2025** | $398,000 |  | **2030** | $178,000 |
| **2026** | $354,000 |  | **2031** | $134,000 |
| **2027** | $310,000 |  | **2032** | $90,000 |
| **2028** | $266,000 |  | **2033** | $46,000 |

WHEREAS, the War Memorial provides valuable cultural and educational activities for those who have served, their families, and the public; and

WHEREAS, their contributions to our community serve an honorable and distinguished population and should be protected through County operating investment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors endorses and supports the mission of the Milwaukee County War Memorial; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County authorizes and directs the Director, Department of Administrative Services to amend the 2017 Contribution Agreement to increase its annual operating contribution to the Milwaukee County War Memorial from $486,000 to $700,000; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the new annual contribution shall go into effect beginning in 2020 and shall end in 2030; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County’s annual contribution to the Milwaukee County War Memorial shall cease after 2030; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors requests that the 2017 Contribution Agreement be amended to reflect the increased financial contribution.