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(ITEM NO. ) From the Executive Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization to execute a Friends Agreement between Milwaukee County Parks and The Park People of Milwaukee County, Inc., by recommending adoption of the following:

## **A RESOLUTION**

 WHEREAS, The Park People of Milwaukee County, Inc. (The Park People) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization whose mission is to support Milwaukee County Parks by promoting the value of educating stakeholders about Milwaukee County parks, encouraging park improvement through Friends Groups, coordinating Weed-Out® programs, and accepting charitable contributions while balancing long term park viability; and

WHEREAS, The Park People was founded on November 22, 1977 and has had a mutually-beneficial relationship with Milwaukee County since that time; and

 WHEREAS, The Park People continues to have a significant and positive impact on the Milwaukee County Park system through education, park improvements, volunteerism, and providing support to Friends groups; and

 WHEREAS, Chapter 13 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (MCGO) provides guidelines for County departments that form partnerships with support groups and requires a written agreement be developed between the department and the support group for approval by the County Executive and the County Board; and

WHEREAS, though there have been several agreements between The Park People and Milwaukee County over the years, an overarching Friends Agreement has not existed; and

WHEREAS, the term of this Agreement is for the calendar year in which it is signed and remains in effect unless and until terminated upon six months written notice by either party, or by mutual consent, or for cause; and

 WHEREAS, the Agreement also lays out the roles and responsibilities of the County and The Park People as required in Chapter 13 of MCGO including the handling of solicitations and donations, future improvements, records and reporting, and insurance provisions; now, therefore,

 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize Milwaukee County Parks to execute an agreement between Milwaukee County Parks and The Park People of Milwaukee County, Inc., for this calendar year, which will renew annually and remain in effect until terminated upon six months written notice by either party, or by mutual consent, or for cause; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Agreement shall comply with Chapter 13 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Agreement shall include a provision requiring that The Park People has written policies and procedures to ensure strong internal controls, which will allow for better monitoring by Milwaukee County Parks.