By Supervisor Taylor File No. 20-548

**A RESOLUTION**

Authorizing and directing the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to change the name of Wahl Park to Harriet Tubman Park and processing a fund transfer request in the amount of $9,750 from Org. Unit 1800-1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies to an appropriate account within Org. Unit 9000 – Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

WHEREAS, Wahl Park is located in the City of Milwaukee, near West Hampton Avenue and North 47th Street; and

WHEREAS, Wahl Park contains many amenities for the community including a wading pool, basketball court, pavilion, children’s play area, and several acres of green space; and

WHEREAS, Wahl Park was created in 1956 and named after Christian Wahl, the first President of the Board of City Park Commissioners and architect of the Milwaukee County Parks System, along with Charles Whitnall; and

WHEREAS, the area surrounding Wahl Park is primarily residential and its many amenities provide valuable recreation opportunities to the nearby neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Wahl Park neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods are primarily home to communities of color; and

WHEREAS, rethinking the conventions of naming monuments, statues, landmarks, and parks is important as national conversation has examined the reasoning behind a chosen name; and

WHEREAS, the naming of a monument reflects who and what we think is important, as well as our values as a community; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is committed to ensuring that its monuments, including its parks, are named after those individuals or communities that reflect our County’s dedication to racial equity; and

WHEREAS, because the Wahl Park and surrounding neighborhoods are home to communities of color, its park should reflect its own residents; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to change the name of Wahl Park to Harriet Tubman Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of the Comptroller is hereby authorized to process a fund transfer in the amount of $9,750 from Org. Unit 1800-1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies to an appropriate account within Org. Unit 9000 – Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture for the purchase and installation of a new park sign.