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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 Authorizing and directing the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to change
7 the name of Wahl Park to Harriet Tubman Park and processing a fund transfer request
8 in the amount of \$9,750 from Org. Unit 1800-1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies to
9 an appropriate account within Org. Unit 9000 – Department of Parks, Recreation, and
10 Culture
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13 WHEREAS, Wahl Park is located in the City of Milwaukee, near West Hampton
14 Avenue and North 47th Street; and
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16 WHEREAS, Wahl Park contains many amenities for the community including a
17 wading pool, basketball court, pavilion, children’s play area, and several acres of green
18 space; and
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20 WHEREAS, Wahl Park was created in 1956 and named after Christian Wahl, the
21 first President of the Board of City Park Commissioners and architect of the Milwaukee
22 County Parks System, along with Charles Whitnall; and
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24 WHEREAS, the area surrounding Wahl Park is primarily residential and its many
25 amenities provide valuable recreation opportunities to the nearby neighborhoods; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Wahl Park neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods are
28 primarily home to communities of color; and
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30 WHEREAS, rethinking the conventions of naming monuments, statues,
31 landmarks, and parks is important as national conversation has examined the reasoning
32 behind a chosen name; and
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34 WHEREAS, the naming of a monument reflects who and what we think is
35 important, as well as our values as a community; and
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37 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is committed to ensuring that its monuments,
38 including its parks, are named after those individuals or communities that reflect our
39 County’s dedication to racial equity; and

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

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43 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
44 September 11, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-548 (vote 5-0); now,
45 therefore,

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

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

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