

4 **A RESOLUTION**
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6 authorizing and directing a transfer of \$3,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 – Appropriation
7 for Contingencies to an appropriate account within Org. Unit 9000 – Department of
8 Parks, Recreation, and Culture for the purposes of constructing and installing a
9 memorial to Dontre Hamilton at Red Arrow Park
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12 WHEREAS, on April 30, 2014, 31-year-old Dontre Hamilton was fatally shot
13 following an interaction with a Milwaukee police officer, which initiated after Mr.
14 Hamilton was found sleeping on a park bench in Red Arrow Park; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted File No. 15-
17 489 in July 2015 directing the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)
18 convene the Dontre Hamilton Memorial Planning Task Force (the Task Force) to
19 develop and recommend a memorial within Red Arrow Park commemorating the life of
20 Dontre Hamilton; and
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22 WHEREAS, in May 2016, the Task Force subsequently returned a
23 recommendation to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors recommending the
24 installation of a bench and memorial plaque at Red Arrow Park (File No. 16-294); and
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26 WHEREAS, at the time of the report, no funding was requested or appropriated
27 for the construction or installation of the memorial; and
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29 WHEREAS, working with the family of Dontre Hamilton, Red Arrow Park users,
30 and DPRC, it was determined that an appropriate memorial honoring the life of Dontre
31 Hamilton was a bench at Red Arrow Park, accompanied by a plaque with an inscription
32 about Dontre Hamilton's impact on the community and the importance of mental health
33 care; and
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35 WHEREAS, the Hamilton Family, DPRC, and interested parties have
36 collaborated to develop the following message for the plaque:
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38 "Dontre Hamilton was a man given to us to inspire, motivate, encourage,
39 strengthen, love, and so much more. Every day he continues to manifest within our
40 lives, to keep us united and strong not only as a community but as a family, to uplift us
41 to continue our fight towards justice. We also have used Dontre's name to shed light on
42 the difficulties we face around mental health issues. We can challenge Milwaukee to be
43 better educated and informed on how to bring more consciousness in supporting those
44 who deal with mental health."

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WHEREAS, it is necessary to address the perceptions and awareness of mental health in our community, especially in underserved populations and a memorial in Red Arrow Park brings this dialogue to the forefront; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of May 13, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-457 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors supports the recommendations of the Dontre Hamilton Memorial Planning Task Force and approves the installation of a memorial bench and plaque honoring the life of Dontre Hamilton and the importance of mental health care at Red Arrow Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Department of Administrative Services to execute an appropriation transfer of \$3,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies to an appropriate account within Org. Unit 9000 – Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture for the purposes of constructing and installing a memorial to Dontre Hamilton at Red Arrow Park.

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