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4 **A RESOLUTION**  
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6 Authorizing and directing the Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture  
7 to develop recommendations on the display of United States flags in Milwaukee County  
8 parks.  
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11 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County displays United States flags throughout the parks  
12 system as a sign of patriotism and pride; and  
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14 WHEREAS, when the Parks Department use to employ significantly more park  
15 workers, the U.S. flags were routinely hoisted in the morning and lowered in the evening;  
16 however, this is no longer the practice in most parks due to a lack of staffing; and  
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18 WHEREAS, at any given time, a U.S. flag may be displayed in a county park twenty-  
19 four hours a day, which violates United States Code Title 4, Chapter 1 that specifies the  
20 U.S. flag is to be displayed only from sunrise to sunset on stationary flagstaffs and buildings  
21 but may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of  
22 darkness; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the Parks Department is undertaking an inventory of all U.S. flags in  
25 county parks to determine whether they are hoisted and lowered routinely or flown twenty-  
26 four hours a day with proper illumination; and  
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28 WHEREAS, once the inventory is complete, it is expected that the Parks Director  
29 will report back to the County Board with recommendations as to which parks flags should  
30 be lit for twenty-four hour display versus those that should be manually hoisted and  
31 lowered on a daily basis and the related costs; now, therefore,  
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33 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
34 authorizes and directs the Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture to  
35 develop recommendations on the display of United States flags in Milwaukee County  
36 parks; and  
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parks Director should consider the following  
39 in its analysis:  
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- 41 • Lighting all flags versus manually hoisting and lowering flags on a daily basis
  - 42 • Lighting certain flags and manually hoisting and lowering the remainder of flags
  - 43 • Costs for both lighting and providing manual labor
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