

2 **RESOLUTION: Authorize the Winnebago County Parks Department to Apply for a Grant to**
3 **Develop a Universal Design Playground and Outdoor Fitness Complex,**
4 **Valued at Up to \$500,000, to Replace Outdated Playground Equipment at**
5 **Shelter #2 in the Winnebago County Community Park**

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7 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

8 **WHEREAS**, there are currently two playground fixtures included in the amenities offered at Shelter #2 located in
9 the Winnebago County Community Park, and these fixtures are characterized as being outdated in style and inadequate
10 in size for addressing the needs of the sizeable number of children who utilize the fixtures during family reunions,
11 company picnics, and other shelter rental events; and

12 **WHEREAS**, there is a great deal of flat open space on the west side of Shelter #2 available for installation of a
13 large grouping of playground and fitness equipment that would not only address the immediate shelter rental needs but
14 would also be big enough to facilitate a unique playground theme that incorporates the attributes of Universal Design
15 standards; and

16 **WHEREAS**, with a playground and fitness complex built according to Universal Design standards, Winnebago
17 County would have in place a facility capable of providing recreational opportunities to all ages and abilities for the
18 foreseeable future and provide a valuable resource for those with both physical and cognitive disabilities; and

19 **WHEREAS**, GameTime Inc., a Minnesota-based company, is a major playground equipment manufacturer
20 interested in teaming-up with vetted municipalities in an effort to establish Universal Design playground complexes in
21 environments like that of Shelter #2; and

22 **WHEREAS**, GameTime Inc. is accepting applications for grants to be awarded to certain municipalities who will
23 work with representatives in constructing a Universal Design playground complex using up to \$500,000 of GameTime
24 playground equipment, accessible fitness equipment, and surfacing materials as well as engineering services; and

25 **WHEREAS**, in the event that an award for a Universal Design playground complex is granted to a municipality it
26 is understood that the resulting playground will be regarded as a facility at which GameTime will be allowed to act in
27 concert with the municipality in maintaining the site in return for being allowed to periodically visit and showcase the
28 playground complex as a national regional demo site for its products.

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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the Winnebago
31 County Executive and the Winnebago County Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an application to GameTime Inc. for
32 consideration in being chosen as a sponsor organization for receipt of a donated GameTime playground and fitness
33 complex built under Universal Design standards in an area to the west of Community Park Shelter #2.

34 **Fiscal Note:** The size and scope of the new facility will require increased monitoring to maintain safety and quality
35 standards. In future years approximately \$1,000 in additional labor cost increases to the Parks
36 Department Budget will be required.
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38 Respectfully submitted by:
39 **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

40 Committee Vote: **4-0**

41 Respectfully submitted by:
42 **PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

43 Committee Vote: **5-0**

44 Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership**

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Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2015.

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Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive