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2 **RESOLUTION: Request Authority to Apply for Department of Natural Resources Urban**
3 **Forestry Grant Funds in the amount of \$20,000**

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

6 **WHEREAS**, the applicant, Winnebago County Parks Department, is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant for
7 \$20,000 from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of funding urban and community forestry
8 projects or urban forestry catastrophic storm projects pursuant to § 23.097(1g) and (1r), Wis Stats; and

9 **WHEREAS**, funds will be used to assist Winnebago County with the creation of the Natural Way Educational Area
10 and preservation of the existing tree canopy within the Winnebago County Community Park. Funds will allow for planting
11 diverse tree species and to educate the public on canopy preservation, emerald ash borer, and native tree adaptability.
12 Funds will help conserve, expand, and improve Winnebago County’s urban forest resource; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the applicant attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in
14 the grant application; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the applicant requests a grant agreement to carry out the project; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Parks Department allowed for matching funds in its 2015 Budget, so no additional County funds
17 are being requested.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, that the applicant,
19 Winnebago County Parks Department, will comply with all local, state, and federal rules, regulations, and ordinances
20 relating to this project and the 50/50 cost-share agreement.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, that the applicant has included
22 in its budget, a sum sufficient to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the
23 Winnebago County Executive, County Clerk, and Park Director, its official, or employee, to act on its behalf to:

- 24 1. Sign and submit the grant application;
- 25 2. Sign a grant agreement between applicant and the DNR;
- 26 3. Submit interim and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement;
- 27 4. Submit the grant reimbursement request to the DNR; and
- 28 5. Sign and submit other required documentation.

29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that any funds that may be
30 derived from the award of an Urban Forestry Grant will thereafter be directed towards the aforementioned tree-related
31 activities within the Community Park.

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33 **Fiscal Note:** The Parks Department has included its matching share in its 2015 Budget, so no additional County funds
34 are being requested.

35 Respectfully submitted by:
36 **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

37 Committee Vote: **5-0**

38 Respectfully submitted by:
39 **PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

40 Committee Vote: **5-0**

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

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

Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive