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2 2018 RES-494  
3 AUTHORIZING AWARDS TO HONOR LIESL BLOCKSTEIN

4 In 1987 the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Cultural Affairs Commission established  
5 the Blockstein Trust and provided for annual awards to honor the late Liesl Bockstein. At the  
6 time of her death, Liesl Blockstein served as a Dane County Board Supervisor and member of  
7 the Cultural Affairs Commission. The small awards have been issued to recognize individuals  
8 for their work in community arts service. Those receiving the awards were given the honor of  
9 directing a small payment to a non-profit of their choice.

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11 Liesl Blockstein was a self-described “professional volunteer” and served on The Madison  
12 Jewish Community Council, The League of Women Voters, and United Way of Dane County.  
13 She was a founder of Jewish Social Services, The Womens Political Caucas, and The Westside  
14 Coalition for the aging. She was named as an Outstanding Woman in Government by the  
15 Wisconsin Jaycee Women and as Woman of the Year by B’nai B’rith women. Governor Anthony  
16 S. Earl proclaimed September 11,1983 as LIESL BLOCKSTEIN DAY in Wisconsin, in  
17 recognition of “her efforts in maintaining and promoting Wisconsin’s progressive political  
18 traditions.”

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20 The awards process established by resolution in 1987 was later modified in 1995. As times  
21 have changed, the Cultural Affairs Commission seeks to modify the process again. Awards  
22 from the fund have not been explicitly made in a number of years. The balance of the fund is  
23 approximately \$8,300.

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25 Under the new process, awards will be made as part of the Arts and Cultural Affairs  
26 Commission’s semi-annual grant process. The grant application would include information  
27 about Liesl Blockstein’s legacy. Grant applicants would be given the opportunity to show how  
28 their proposed project furthers the call for civic and political involvement.

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30 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the balance of the Blockstein Trust as of December 31,  
31 2018 be transferred to an expenditure account CULAFF NEW “Blockstein Grant Expense” in the  
32 budget of the Office of Cultural Affairs to allow for awards through the semi-annual Cultural  
33 Affairs grant program, and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Cultural Affairs be authorized to solicit  
36 donations to augment the balance in the fund and that to the extent revenues are realized in  
37 account CULAFF NEW “Blockstein Donation Revenues” expenditures are authorized from the  
38 Blockstein Grant Expense account.

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40 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the balance in the Blockstein Grant Expense account be  
41 carried forward at the end of each fiscal year.  
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