2016 RES-034 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE TOKEN CREEK NATURAL RESOURCE AREA

Token Creek is the sole cold water trout fishery in northeastern Dane County. The 27 square mile watershed provides nearly half of the base flow of water for Lake Mendota. The County, along with other governmental units and nonprofit organizations, has actively worked on water quality and habitat improvement measures for many years to protect and enhance this resource.

Protection efforts include the acquisition of land for Token Creek county park and the Token Creek natural resource area. Lands protected in these areas are available for public use and enjoyment and also create opportunities for habitat improvement projects.

Pursuant to the *Dane County Parks* & *Open Space Plan 2012-2017* and the Token Creek County Park and Natural Resource Area Master Plan, the Land & Water Resources Department recommends the acquisition of approximately 68 acres that are immediately adjacent to existing county property in the Town of Burke. The property would be managed as part of the Token Creek natural resource area and may also be classified as a wildlife area.

The property appraised at \$1,090,000. The owner, the Harbort Living Trust, has agreed to sell the property at the appraised value. Funds for the purchase are available in the Conservation Fund. The debt issued to support this expenditure will have a term of 20 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of approximately 68 acres from the Harbort Living Trust for \$1,090,000 according to Wis. Stats Chapter 27.03(3); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Dane County Land & Water Resources
Department Deputy Director or Real Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the
closing and the transfer of the above-mentioned property to Dane County and the
Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.