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3 **2025 RES - 393**

4 **AUTHORIZING DONATION OF FUNDS LAND RESTORATION AT MORTON FOREST**

5 Stephen D. Morton donated Morton Forest to Dane County Parks out of a desire to preserve the
6 natural beauty and ecological value of the land for future generations. A conservation-minded
7 landowner, Morton recognized the importance of protecting open space in the face of growing
8 development. He gifted the 114-acre property, located in the Town of Mazomanie, to Dane
9 County, ensuring it would be permanently preserved as public land.

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11 In addition to donating the land, Morton also established The Stephen D. Morton Fund for
12 Morton Forest through the Madison Community Foundation. This fund is dedicated to
13 supporting the ongoing improvement and maintenance of Morton Forest, including restoration of
14 forest and prairie ecosystems.

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16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the
17 Dane County Executive hereby accepts \$19,466 in funds from the Stephen D Morton Fund for
18 Morton Forest through the Madison Community Foundation.

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20 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that revenue account LWRPKOP 80127 Morton Forest MCT
21 Revenue be increased by \$19,466, expense account LWRPKOP 20127 Morton Forest
22 Maintenance be increased by \$19,466. All funds shall carry forward until expended.