RESOLUTION #14-27
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
FOR DEDICATED SERVICE

THOMAS BASTEN

McHenry County Conservation District

Officers and Board of Trustees

Unanimously Adopted on

July 17, 2014

WHEREAS, McHenry County Conservation District owns and manages over 25,100 acres of open space and 33 conservation areas; 40 miles of regional shared-use trails that provide access to more than 115 miles of an integrated trail network; acts to restore its lands to their ecological health; offers educational programs which encourage appreciation of the natural environment and a fundamental understanding of the environmental ethic; and develops its lands for the quiet enjoyment and interests of McHenry County residents; and

WHEREAS, the District is supported in its efforts by many dedicated staff and volunteers, who engage in a variety of activities including site and equipment maintenance and improvement, natural area restoration, trail clearing and monitoring, wildlife monitoring and care, historical interpretation, educational outreach programs and many other endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Basten began with the District June 14, 1993 as the Ranger for Region 1 within the former Land & Facilities Department and which is now the Sites & Fleet Branch of the Operations & Public Safety Division; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Basten spent many hours repairing & modifying department chainsaw equipment; independently fabricating, repairing and welding and thereby extending the useful life of many of his Regions’ tools; orienting staff on the operation and maintenance procedures for several new pieces of equipment; and working with staff and the public through the staff group work days, Nippersink Creek trail clearing, prescription burns, Trail of History; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of Thomas Basten, who has shared his knowledge, time and expertise to the District, he has provided a solid foundation for safe recreational sites through the District for many generations of residents of McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Basten has decided to enter retirement on August 1, 2014.

LET IT BE RESOLVED: That the Officers and Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District hereby express and convey their deep and sincere gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to Thomas Basten, and that this Resolution be incorporated into the official records of the District, and that Thomas Basten receive recognition through this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of the District, this 17th day of July 2014.

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David Brandt, Trustee

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Bona Heinsohn, Trustee

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Brandon Thomas, Trustee

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Kent Krautstrunk, Trustee