

**RESOLUTION #18-16
FOR DEDICATED SERVICE
DENICE BECK**

McHenry County Conservation District
Officers and Board of Trustees
*Unanimously Adopted on
June 21, 2018*

WHEREAS, McHenry County Conservation District owns and manages over 25,570 acres of open space and 34 conservation areas; 59 miles of regional 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 safe 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 protection of natural resources and the flora, fauna and people who share them, site and facility maintenance and improvement, natural area restoration, trail clearing and monitoring, wildlife monitoring and care, environmental, historical and cultural interpretation, educational outreach programs and many other endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Denice Beck began with the District November 26, 2007 as the Volunteer Coordinator within the the Marketing and Communications Division which is part of the Executive Branch of the Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, Denice Beck is applauded for being an exceptional conduit between the District and volunteers and inadvertently creating additional ambassadors for the District through her professionalism and general belief in, and sharing of, the District's mission; and

WHEREAS, Denice Beck was responsible for conducting hundreds of volunteer orientations as well as the recruitment, recognition and retention of 540+ volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Denice Beck supported and championed the Trail of History for six years (2008-2013) through the recruitment of 150+ volunteers and coordination 20 different volunteer stations during the three-day event; and

WHEREAS, Denice Beck never become complacent in her position and continually sought new avenues to communicate with volunteers via the volunteer newsletter, Landscapes articles, Earthenders, Volunteer Spot, SignUp.com and a Volunteer Facebook page; and

WHEREAS, Denice Beck became a master juggler, as volunteer program opportunities grew from 8 to 18 core areas under her direction; and

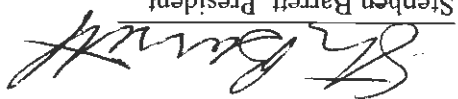
WHEREAS, in 2017 alone, a conservative estimate of volunteer contributions to the District equated to 10,525 hours, valued at \$254,000; in addition to the estimated \$60,000 worth of seed collected from 151 native prairie species to be used for future restoration projects; and

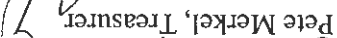
WHEREAS, Denice Beck is recognized for her ability to build positive relationships with all she meets with her personal touch and passion for helping people – hereby her greatest attributes which cannot be measured; and

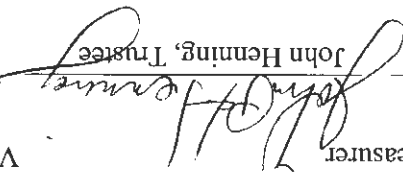
WHEREAS, Denice Beck decided to retire from her full-time position effective June 29, 2018.

LET IT BE RESOLVED: That the Officers and Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District hereby express and convey their deep and heartfelt appreciation to Denice Beck for her continued dedication to the Mission of the District, and that this Resolution be incorporated into the official records of the District, and that Denice Beck receive recognition through this resolution.

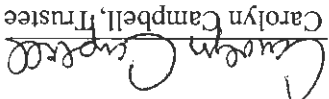
IN WITNESS WHERE OF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of the District, this 21st day of June, 2018.

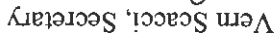

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