

**RESOLUTION #18-33
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
FOR DEDICATED SERVICE**

**THE HONORABLE
ILLINOIS STATE SENATOR
33rd DISTRICT
KAREN MCCONNAUGHAY**

McHenry County Conservation District
Officers and Board of Trustees
*Unanimously Adopted on
November 15, 2018*

WHEREAS, McHenry County Conservation District owns and manages over 25,500 acres of open space and 33 conservation areas; 45 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, volunteers, appointed and elected local, county, state and federal officials; including members of the Illinois General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Karen McConnaughay fought for good, honest government while serving as State Senator representing the 33rd District from 2013 through September 2018; and

WHEREAS, Karen McConnaughay served on the Legislative Ethics Commission seeking transparency and accountability in Springfield; and

WHEREAS, Karen McConnaughay has been an outspoken advocate for Illinois families dedicated to protecting the taxpayers of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, while working as a state legislator in the Illinois Senate, Karen McConnaughay served on several Senate committees including; Appropriations II, Education, Transportation (Minority Spokesperson), Committee of the Whole, Public Pensions & State Investments, Energy and Public Utilities, Financial Institutions, Administrative Rules, Gaming, Revenue; and

WHEREAS, Karen McConnaughay served as a leader in raising awareness of the dangers of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Karen McConnaughay sponsored several bills related to supporting public transportation; and

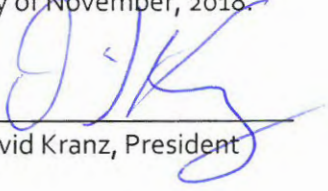
WHEREAS, Karen McConnaughay previously served on the Kane County Board from 1992 to 2012, serving as its Chairman from 2004 -2012; and

WHEREAS, Karen McConnaughay supported many legislative initiatives and state resolutions that further promote the collaborative efforts of the District to protect open space in McHenry County which clarified the state statutes affecting conservation districts, including serving as Senate Co-Sponsor of SB 3341 which became PA 98-1168 on January 9, 2015, brought federal and state tax dollars back to the county for the protection of land, water and wildlife habitat and the creation of places within conservation areas for physical and mental health, including the creation of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge. As a result of these investments, the McHenry County economy is benefiting through increased outdoor recreation activities including wildlife viewing, biking, hiking, camping, fishing and hunting; and

WHEREAS, through the ability of Karen McConnaughay to work collaboratively with both sides of the aisle building strong relationships in an attempt to make progress in Springfield, all the residents of her district in McHenry County, including the people, plants and wildlife, have benefited from her contributions.

THEREFORE, 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 Karen McConnaughay and that this Resolution be incorporated into the official records of the District, and that Karen McConnaughay receive recognition through this resolution.

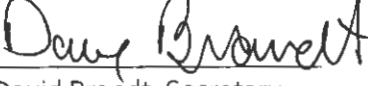
IN WITNESS WHERE OF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of the District, this 15th day of November, 2018.



David Kranz, President

Pete Merkel, Treasurer

Vern Scacci, Vice President



David Brandt, Secretary

John Henning, Trustee

Carolyn Campbell, Trustee

Benjamin Washow, Trustee