MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #19-31

CALLING TO CONVENE A CONSERVATION CONGRESS IN 2020
FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING CONSTITUENTS
AND THE LARGER CONSERVATION COMMUNITY,
A FORMAL PROCESS TO PROPOSE AND ADVOCATE FOR ACTIONS THAT CAN BE
TAKEN BY THE MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO PROTECT AND
CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES AND PROVIDE COMPATIBLE EDUCATIONAL AND
RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ON PUBLIC LANDS IN MCHENRY COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as
the "District"), was created in 1971 by voter approved referendum as a conservation
district organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois (70 ILCS 410); and

WHEREAS, regardless of an individual's interest in the outdoors, an ecologically
healthy, easily accessible and permanently protected system of public lands is a
cornerstone to that interest; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of public lands bequeathed to us by far-sighted
individuals is to continue to be that cornerstone, all interest groups within the
conservation community must come together to speak with one voice; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to provide both constituents and the larger
conservation community a formal process to propose and advocate for actions that can
be taken by the McHenry County Conservation District to protect and conserve natural
resources and provide compatible educational and recreational opportunities on public
lands in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, a Conservation Congress Steering Committee will be established to
plan the event, establish protocols, shape the conversation and determine delegate
organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Congress Steering Committee will be comprised of
the following members: President of the Board of Trustees (1), Vice President of the
Board of Trustees (1), County Board Liaison or delegate (1), McHenry County
Conservation Foundation President or delegate (1), Trustees Emeritus (3-5), Executive
Director (1), and Executive Leadership Team (5); and

WHEREAS, the inaugural Conservation Congress was held in February 6, 2016
and was entitled The Fourth Wave: The Future of Conservation on McHenry County
Public Lands - The Next 50 Years! and the 2018 Conservation Congress was held on
February 10, 2018 and entitled Sustaining the Dream - Stewarding the Places We Love;
and

WHEREAS, it is envisioned that delegates from varied organizations will meet
bi-annually to participate and discuss issues that affect the future of McHenry
County's natural resources for present and future generations through open,
impartial, and broad-ranging congress activities including workshops, knowledge cafes,
and both formal and information meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the District that it is necessary, desirable, and in the best interest of the District, its Board of Trustees and staff to Call to Convene a Conservation Congress in February 8, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution #19-31 has been executed this 20th day of June, 2019, by the President and attested by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the District.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: 1
Abstain: 0

DAVE KRANZ, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DAVE BRANDT, SECRETARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES