

**RESOLUTION #16-49
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
FOR DEDICATED SERVICE**

MICHAEL W. TRYON

McHenry County Conservation District
Officers and Board of Trustees
Unanimously Adopted on
December 15, 2016

WHEREAS, McHenry County Conservation District owns and manages over 25,100 acres of open space and 33 conservation areas; 40 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, Michael W. Tryon fought for good, honest government while serving as State Representative representing the 66th Legislative District from 2005 through 2016; and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Tryon had previously served on the McHenry County Board from 1989 to 2004 and as the Chairman of that board from 1998 to 2004; and

WHEREAS, with his education and training in Environmental Health Science and his business background as a Principal in the water/wastewater testing businesses, Michael W. Tryon continued to support the protection of the environment for the residents of McHenry County and the State of Illinois through sponsorship, co-sponsorship and support of various legislative initiatives and votes; and

WHEREAS, while working as a state legislator in the Illinois House of Representatives, Michael W. Tryon served on many House committees including Executive, Labor & Commerce, Environmental & Energy (Republican Spokesperson), Revenue & Finance, Juvenile Justice & System Involved (Republican Spokesperson), Renewable Energy & Sustainability, Sales and Other Taxes Subcommittee, Workforce Reconciliation Subcommittee; Joint Commission of Administrative Rules (JCAR); and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Tryon was recognized by the members of the Illinois Environmental Council with his 100% environmental voting record in 2015 and 2016 and as a sponsor of the Illinois Clean Jobs Bill in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Tryon was a founding member of the first state level Diabetes Caucus in the nation – the Illinois Diabetes Caucus - that serves as a model that has been replicated in 14 other states and focuses on legislation that supports education, prevention and management of the disease which significantly affects the health care costs of the residents and employers in the state; and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Tryon sponsored legislation (HB 6027/SB 1367) and supported other legislative actions that added Farmers Market benefits to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to allow additional access to fresh and locally produced fruits, vegetables and other agricultural products to support healthy eating habits; and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Tryon supported many legislative initiatives, grant applications 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 (House Sponsor SB 3341), brought federal and state tax dollars back to the county for land preservation and public access for the McHenry County lands (OSLAD, CMAQ, Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge, etc.), and recognized the District through HR 571 in 2013 for receiving the National Recreation and Parks Association Barb King Excellence in Environmental Stewardship Award; and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Tryon has been additionally honored with many awards and recognitions during his time in the Illinois General Assembly, including Champion of Free Enterprise Award, the Environmental Council Award, the Outstanding Environmental Leadership Award, the Friend of Agriculture Award and Legislator of the Year Award from the Staffing Services of Illinois and from the Illinois Association of Community Mental Health Authorities; and

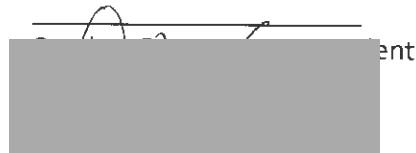
WHEREAS, through the business acumen, statesmanship, and leadership of Michael W. Tryon, all the residents of McHenry County, including the flora, fauna and human, have benefited from his continued support beyond the role of state legislator as an environmental advocate/champion and friend of conservation.

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 Michael W. Tryon and that this Resolution be incorporated into the official records of the District, and that Michael W. Tryon 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 December, 2016.



Brandon Thomas, Treasurer



David Klariz, Secretary

Peter Merkel, Trustee

Vernon Scacci, Trustee

David Brandt, Trustee