

**MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION #17-27**

**CALLING TO CONVENE A CONSERVATION CONGRESS IN 2018  
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.**

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**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), Chairman of the Outreach & Advocacy Committee (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

**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 10, 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution #17-27 has been executed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017, by the President and attested by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the District.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

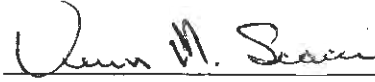
Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Vacant: 1



PRESIDENT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



SECRETARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES