

RESOLUTION #18-28
RESOLUTION OF PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING OAKTOBER

McHenry County Conservation District
Officers and Board of Trustees
Unanimously Adopted on
Oaktober 18, 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, oak ecosystems offer habitat for a variety of plants and animals providing for expanded biological diversity; and

WHEREAS, oak ecosystems are in a state of decline within McHenry County based on data collected and mapped by the District over time; and

WHEREAS, research by others have shown that oak trees and forests improve air and water quality, human health, social and economic well-being, and improve the overall quality of life for citizens across all neighborhoods within McHenry County; and

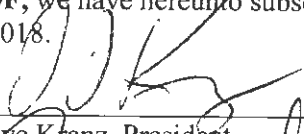
WHEREAS, awareness of the threats and impacts to oak ecosystems is an important first step towards behavioral change and an opportunity to engage citizens to protect and improve the health and services of our oak ecosystems and natural resources overall; and

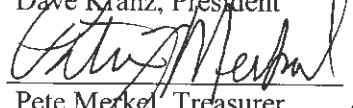
WHEREAS, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, did proclaim the month of October as "OAKTOBER" – OAK AWARENESS MONTH in Illinois on the 20th day of August, 2015; and

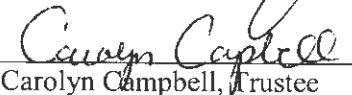
WHEREAS, Oak Awareness Month is an opportunity for the District to work with and bring attention to business, industry, conservation groups, community organizations, schools, and citizens to take action to support our native oak ecosystems.

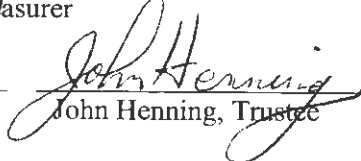
THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: That the Officers and Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District hereby proclaim and recognize October as "OAKTOBER" and OAK AWARENESS MONTH in McHenry County so as to draw attention to the significance and importance of oak ecosystems to the McHenry County landscape over the last more than 5,000 years.

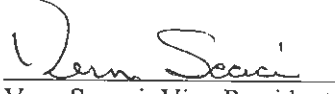
IN WITNESS WHERE OF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of the District, this 18th day of Oaktober, 2018.


Dave Kranz, President


Pete Merkel, Treasurer


Carolyn Campbell, Trustee


John Henning, Trustee


Vern Scacci, Vice President


Dave Brandt, Secretary


Benjamin Washow, Trustee