

**RESOLUTION #18-32
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
FOR DEDICATED SERVICE**

**THE HONORABLE
ILLINOIS STATE SENATOR
32nd DISTRICT
PAMELA J. ALTHOFF**

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, the Honorable Pamela J. Althoff fought for good, honest government while serving as State Senator representing the 32nd District from 2003 through September 2018; and

WHEREAS, Pamela J. Althoff served as the Senate Republican co-chair of the Green Caucus since its inception in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Pamela J. Althoff served as the Senate Republican co-chair of the Illinois Historic Preservation Caucus; and

WHEREAS, the Pamela J. Althoff facilitated bipartisan cooperation on many environmental issues impacting all citizens of Illinois including serving as the chief co-sponsor of the Future Energy Jobs Act; and

WHEREAS, with her education and training in Education previously serving as a Special Education Teacher and her civic background serving on the Executive Board at United Way of McHenry County and Journey Care and on various committees of the Fox Waterway Agency, McHenry County Council of Governments, McHenry County Community Foundation, Community Development Block Grant Board, League of Women Voters and as she 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 Senate, the Pamela J. Althoff served on many Senate committees including; Republican Caucus Chair, Assignments (Minority Spokesperson); Appropriations II; Labor and Commerce; licensed Activities and Pensions; Revenue (Minority Spokesperson); Transportation; Committee of the Whole; Special Committee on Watercraft Safety; Subcommittee on Special Issues (RV); Subcommittee on Property Tax (Sub-minority Spokesperson); Subcommittee on Tax Credits (Sub-minority Spokesperson); Telecommunications & Information Technology; and had previously served on the Joint Commission of Administrative Rules (JCAR) and Local Government; and

WHEREAS, Pamela J. Althoff supported many legislative initiatives, grant applications and state resolutions that further promote the collaborative efforts of the District to protect water, wildlife and way of life through the preservation of natural areas in McHenry County, including serving as Chief Sponsor of SB 3341 which became PA 98-1168 on January 9, 2015, brought federal and state tax dollars (OSLAD, CMAQ, RTP, etc.) 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, Pamela J. Althoff has been recognized with many awards and honors during her time in the Illinois General Assembly including being named the 2014 Illinois Association of Park District's Legislator of the Year for standing up for conservation and recognizing the vital connection and importance of human health and nature, as well as many others which are too numerous to list; and

WHEREAS, through the statesmanship and leadership of the Honorable Pamela J. Althoff, all the residents of McHenry County, including the people, plants and wildlife, have benefited from her 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 Pamela J. Althoff and that this Resolution be incorporated into the official records of the District, and that the Pamela J. Althoff receive recognition through this resolution.

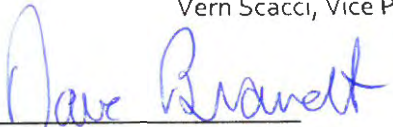
IN WITNESS WHERE OF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of the District, this 15 day of November, 2018.



David Kranz, President

Vern Scacci, Vice President

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David Brandt, Secretary

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