

**RESOLUTION #19-16~~20~~**  
**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**  
**FOR DEDICATED SERVICE**

**ANDY TALLEY**

McHenry County Conservation District  
*Officers and Board of Trustees*  
*Unanimously Adopted on*  
*May 16, 2019*

**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**, Andy Talley began with the District August 17, 1998 as the Education Program Coordinator at the newly created Prairieview Education Center within the Educational Services Department of the Operations Branch of the Conservation District; and

**WHEREAS**, Andy Talley has been sharing his enthusiasm for the natural world with program participants of all ages for just over 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Andy Talley regularly presented outreach programs, youth and adult public programs, summer camps and school field studies to well over 3,500 people annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Andy Talley supported and championed the Trail of History for many years (1998-2013) beginning with the Historical Kitchen and later the Metis Village during the annual three-day event; and

**WHEREAS**, Andy Talley likewise shared his professional storytelling experience and cultural history background through first person interpretation as a pioneer settler and a fur trader at the Trail of History and in classrooms throughout the county; and

**WHEREAS**, Andy Talley put his family paddling vacation and wilderness guide experience together to create full moon paddleboard outings and the Paddle in the Park event on Lake Atwood at the Hollows Conservation Area which drew hundreds of people to learn about and experience paddle sports each spring; and

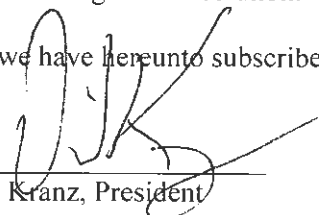
**WHEREAS**, Andy Talley also created several other educational programs and activities such as a map and compass course and a self-guided interpretive guide for the trails just outside the door at Prairieview Education Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Andy Talley is recognized for his ability to build positive relationships with all he meets with his sense of humor, upbeat manner and a steadfast refusal to ever grow up; and

**WHEREAS**, Andy Talley decided to retire from his position effective May 31, 2019.

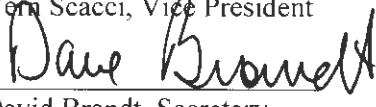
**LET IT BE RESOLVED:** That the Officers and Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District hereby express and convey their deep and sincere gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to Andy Talley for his continued dedication to the Mission of the District, and that this Resolution be incorporated into the official records of the District, and that Andy Talley receive recognition through this resolution.

**IN WITNESS WHERE OF**, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of the District, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

  
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David Kranz, President

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