

**RESOLUTION #21-01**  
**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**  
**FOR DEDICATED SERVICE**

**Gail Brown**

McHenry County Conservation District  
*Officers and Board of Trustees*  
*Unanimously Adopted on*  
*January 19, 2021*

**WHEREAS**, McHenry County Conservation District owns and manages over 25,600 acres of open space and 35 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**, Gail Brown has served as the lead volunteer since 1994 devoting her time to the Powers Walker House and McConnell Farmstead, and currently plans to continue to volunteer into her retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Gail Brown began with the District on June 12, 2002, as the Scientific Database Coordinator with the Natural Resources Department of the Conservation District; and

**WHEREAS**, Gail Brown led or worked on projects that are the cornerstone of the work done today in ecological restoration; and

**WHEREAS**, Gail Brown compiled and digitized over 8,777 surveys on species groups from lichens to mussels which resulted in the largest database ever assembled for an individual county in the Midwest; and

**WHEREAS**, Gail Brown developed the McHenry County Natural Areas Inventory, into a user friendly system that continues to be a go to document for multiple agencies to mitigate potential impacts to natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Gail Brown led numerous data upgrades to the District Hunting Program and provided input and proofing of the District's agricultural database which has made accurate lease information far easier to track; and

**WHEREAS**, Gail Brown worked in developing the Lost Valley research library which resulted in a more useable area for project research; and

**WHEREAS**, Gail Brown has served for many years as the District representative to the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Gail Brown has provided invaluable input to the management of the District's building inventory through her knowledge of historic architecture, and

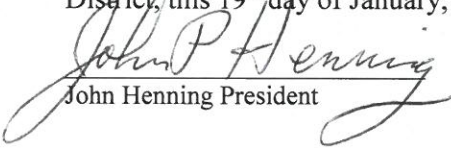
**WHEREAS**, Gail Brown developed and managed the Land Preservation and Natural resource Management Division's hours breakdown system allowing for accurate recording of thousands of hours of project labor for grant reporting and public transparency, and

**WHEREAS**, Gail Brown has remained steadfast in her belief of the Conservation District's mission, and gained immense satisfaction in providing the public with great opportunities to learn about and connect with nature; and

**WHEREAS**, Gail Brown has decided to retire from her position effective February 5, 2021.

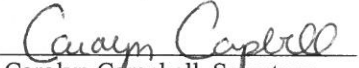
**LET IT BE RESOLVED:** That the Officers and Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District hereby express and convey their deep and sincere gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to Gail Brown for her continued dedication to the Mission of the District, and that this Resolution be incorporated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

**IN WITNESS WHERE OF**, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of the District, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

  
John Henning, President

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Dave Brandt, Vice President

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William Cook, Treasurer

  
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Carolyn Campbell, Secretary

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Patrick Fritz, Trustee

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Linda Thomas, Trustee

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Chris Dahm, Trustee



*McHenry County*  
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