

**RESOLUTION #16-40  
RESOLUTION OF PROCLAMATION**

**DECLARING DECEMBER 13  
AS DAY OF THE HORSE**

McHenry County Conservation District  
**Officers and Board of Trustees**  
Unanimously Adopted on  
November 17, 2016

**WHEREAS**, the United States House of Representatives (the Senate concurring) recognized December 13<sup>th</sup> as the annual Day of the Horse on November 18, 2004 in recognition of the importance of horses to the Nation's security, economy, recreation, and heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner has proclaimed December 13, 2016 as Illinois Day of the Horse; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of McHenry County, Illinois designated December 13, 2016 as McHenry County Day of the Horse; and

**WHEREAS**, the McHenry County Conservation District owns and manages over 25,100 acres of open space and 33 conservation areas; 40 miles of regional trails that provide access to more than 115 miles of an integrated trail network including equestrian trails; 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

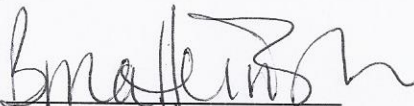
**WHEREAS**, the horse is a living link to the history of Illinois and the history of McHenry County; and

**WHEREAS**, the McHenry County Conservation District recognizes the role of equines in the economy, history, viewscape and character of the county and recognizes the healthy exercise benefits of the outdoor activity fostered by horse ownership, horsekeeping and horseback riding; and

**WHEREAS**, the District maintains public bridle paths on property protected by the District on behalf of current and future generations of County residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED:** That the Officers and Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District hereby express and convey their support and appreciation of the role of horses as a means of recreation and for their cultural heritage of McHenry County by designating December 13 as the Day of the Horse within the Conservation Areas and urge the site users to recognize the importance of horses in our local economy, recreation and heritage and to lend their enthusiastic support to the McHenry County equine industry and the many equestrians who chose to use McHenry County trails to enjoy their equines.

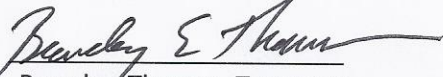
**IN WITNESS WHERE OF**, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of the District, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.



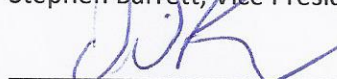
Bona Heinsohn, President



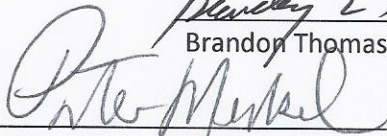
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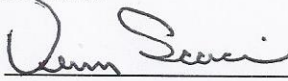
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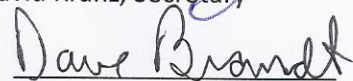
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