



RESOLUTION NO. 09-25-17-1

**RESOLUTION DENOUNCING FEDERAL CUTS TO
U.S. FOREST SERVICE URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Village of Hawthorn Woods recognizes the importance of trees to a strong ecosystem, and environmentally sustainable community, among numerous other benefits to residents; and;

WHEREAS, Hawthorn Woods demonstrates its commitment to the environment shown by its volunteer Environmental Committee, Tree City USA designation, and yearly distribution of tree saplings to celebrate Arbor Day every April; and

WHEREAS, local resources are strained across American communities to provide the necessary funds for adequately reforesting and rejuvenating local ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the proposed federal budget effective October 1, 2017 threatens to eliminate all funding for the U.S. Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Programs, which provide essential funding to state and locally administered grant programs supporting local reforestation efforts; and

WHEREAS, further restriction and reduction of funding sources for trees will have a significant detrimental impact on the environment and health of local communities; and

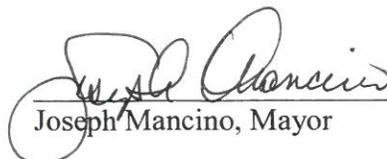
WHEREAS, the federal government has a responsibility to provide for the health and well-being of its citizens by supporting efforts to create a stable and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hawthorn Woods strongly denounces any budget cuts to the U.S. Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program, which provide funds to state and local reforestation efforts.

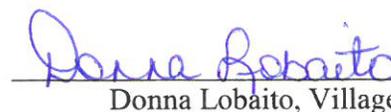
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, the Village's strong opposition to any budget cuts to the U.S. Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program.

FURTHERMORE, The Village of Hawthorn Woods urges Senator Dick Durbin, Senator Tammy Duckworth, and Representative Peter Roskam, to speak out and work against these proposed budget cuts.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2017.



Joseph Mancino, Mayor



Donna Lobaito, Village Clerk