



RESOLUTION No. 10-26-20-1

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF JOHN BUCKNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL LAKE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, in October of 1990, John Buckner envisioned the perfect location to build his career in central Lake County, Illinois, which happened to be in the middle of multiple farms and corn fields at that time. His passion and commitment to working with special needs populations to ensure fair and equitable recreational opportunities lead him to begin employment as a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional for the Special Recreation of Central Lake County (SRACL); and

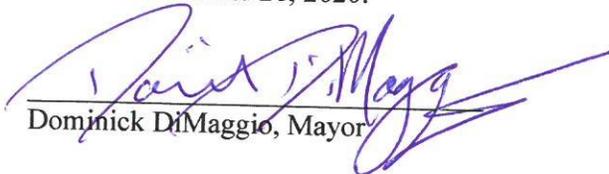
WHEREAS, John Buckner has spent the entirety of his 30-year career serving often underserved and unrecognized populations in need of therapeutic and adaptive leisure opportunities in the SRACL member communities of Hawthorn Woods, Vernon Hills, Libertyville, Lincolnshire, Grayslake, Lake Zurich, and Mundelein; and

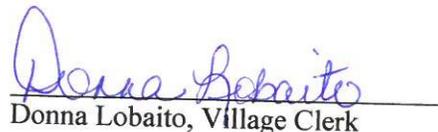
WHEREAS, it was in John's service moving through the various levels of employment from Recreation Specialist to Department Head and ultimately to Executive Director that he made his tremendous impact on the SRACL agency leading it to both state wide and national prominence; and

WHEREAS, with John Buckner's influence, SRACL has developed a strong, inclusive, and thriving Foundation raising money to expand the outreach efforts of SRACL for innovative programs, events and services to be delivered to families in need of adaptive recreational opportunities in central Lake County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees, on behalf of the residents and Village staff, does hereby express its gratitude and appreciation to John Buckner for his dedication and professionalism to champion the need and development of comprehensive recreational services for all individuals for over the past 30 years.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, Illinois on October 26, 2020.


Dominick DiMaggio, Mayor


Donna Lobaito, Village Clerk